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May 19, 2022

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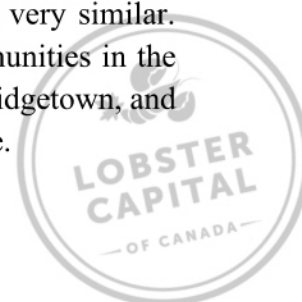
Re: Feedback on the Proposed Riding of Acadian Shore—Shelburne

Chair Bourgeois,

On behalf of the Municipality of the District of Barrington, I am writing to you to express our concerns regarding the proposal to have Shelburne County removed from the current riding of South Shore – St. Margaret's and incorporated in the neighboring riding of West Nova to create a new riding of "Acadian Shore—Shelburne".

The counties of Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg have been historically part of the constituency of South Shore for over fifty years. Our riding was created in 1966 following the dissolution of Queens-Lunenburg and Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare and has since then remained intact. And for almost four hundred years this part of Nova Scotia has had a unique character, culture, and industries; and has been called the South Shore. Combining Shelburne County with the Western Shore ignores centuries of community distinction.

The South Shore is recognized for its fishing and woodland industries as well as its welcoming tourism spirit. Fishing communities dot the South Shore from Chester to Clark's Harbour, and this way of life has tied together Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg counties for generations. Woodland communities like Welshtown, Greenfield, and New Germany are also very similar. Conversely, Shelburne County shares few economic similarities with major communities in the newly proposed "Acadian Shore—Shelburne" riding. Towns like Middleton and Bridgetown, and their surrounding area in the Annapolis Valley have economies based on agriculture.





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Finally, given that our County is most impacted, we were surprised to see that no public hearing is scheduled within the County. We would like to reiterate our request submitted earlier this week that a public hearing take place within the County to allow the public the opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the proposed boundary change.

We believe that Shelburne County belongs in South Shore – St. Margaret's and that South Shore – St. Margaret's should remain as it is today.

Sincerely,

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May 25, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
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**Re: Town of Berwick: West Nova / Kings Hants Federal Electoral
Districts Redistribution.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input into the Federal Electoral
Districts Redistribution.

The Town of Berwick and area was always included in the federal riding of Kings-
Hants and its predecessors until 2003. We welcome the opportunity to rejoin that
riding as we have most in common with our local Annapolis Valley region that would
include health, recreation, education and commerce, among others.

We would strongly recommend that the Commission consider including the entirety
of Kings County in Kings-Hants as well. We appreciate the demographic factors that
the Commission has to consider in the redistribution, but that factor should not
unduly influence the creation of artificial boundaries that don't align with all other
considerations.

Regards,

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Town of Berwick



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CC: Member of Parliament, Mike Kelloway
Member of Parliament, Sean Fraser

May 25, 2022

RE: Change in Electoral District from Cape Breton-Canso to Cape Breton – Antigonish

Dear Commission:

On behalf of our Council and the residents of the Town of Port Hawkesbury, we are writing to express that we strongly oppose the changes to the Cape Breton- Canso electoral district boundaries. The Cape Breton-Canso electoral district is presently a large geographic area covering over 9,000 square kilometers, and the voices of over 70,000 constituents. We truly appreciate the support we receive presently from our current Member of Parliament, Mike Kelloway, and his advocacy on our behalf with the challenging issues and opportunities that the Town of Port Hawkesbury faces.

Adding another 1,500 square kilometers and 20,000 constituents to an already large riding will negatively impact the Cape Breton-Canso riding, the relationship our Council has with our Member of Parliament, and overall, reduce the rural voice of the constituents in Eastern Nova Scotia.

We strongly encourage that you reconsider the change to the Cape Breton-Canso electoral district.

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June 25, 2022

To the 2022 NS Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission:

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The purpose of this letter is to: 1) make proposals, with justification, for creating/maintaining an electoral district that includes Antigonish and Guysborough Counties with portions of Cape Breton Island and 2) elaborate further on the justification by countering Antigonish consultation suggestions that Antigonish be placed with Pictou County in a version of the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding.

Relating to my rationale, I refer to the Supreme Court of Canada “Carter ruling,” corresponding jurisprudence, and the federal Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act 15 (1) (b) (i), (ii); 15 (2) (a), (b): To best achieve effective representation, EBCs must consider community histories, community interests, and minority representation *and* may, in extraordinary circumstances, deviate from the +/- 25% threshold to respect **“the community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province.”**^{i ii} There is ample evidence of legal and EBC precedence for taking that route, which need not be covered here. Also, as the EBC has the best mapping and corresponding population tools at its disposal, which I do not, I will not use expected constituency population numbers here. My figuring tells me that my proposals will need, but are worthy of, considering/invoking extraordinary circumstances logic to meet effective representation objectives.

My Proposals (by order of preference, but with the understanding that all EBCs use context and other factors to reach their own interpretation of acceptable voter parity deviation):

**Regions, regionalism, regionalization, and region-building are multi-dimensional; imaginings often overlap, and depend on what interests they are intended to serve and what factors are affecting stakeholders. As a general starting point and from a peripherality perspective, there are two “imagined” regional constructions regarding Cape Breton: Cape Breton as one cohesive island region and Cape Breton as two regions— one concentrated around the industrial communities of the ‘urban’ core, along with other Cape Breton County communities, and ‘the other’ rural Cape Breton comprising the counties of Victoria, Inverness, and Richmond. However, ‘regions within regions’ can also be depicted here by viewing decades-long region-building efforts in the ‘Strait area.’*

Proposals

1. Create an Antigonish-Guysborough-Inverness-Richmond district and call it “Cape-Breton-Canso” or “Cape Breton-Antigonish-Guysborough,” “Canso Strait,” “Quad Counties” or “Eastern Nova.” In this scenario, another district comprising Cape Breton and Victoria Counties would result. This riding could be called “Cape Breton-Victoria.” While there are common interests held throughout the island, Cape Breton County — with its “urban” core — has a regionalized municipal governance structure; a rich industrial and multicultural history; a comparatively robust labour culture; a regional hospital clustered with postsecondary institutions; and CBRM-focused economic development planning, especially regarding port development (in competition with Strait-area port pursuits). While community interests are urban-leaning, Victoria County is the community that would be conjoined with Cape Breton County in a riding configuration because of geographical proximity, some shared regionalization interests (e.g. education) and a

burgeoning historical federal electoral district pattern. Two ‘urban’ (because of proximity and population concentration) Mi’kmaw communities, Membertou and Eskasoni, would be important communities of identity and interest kept together in this scenario, complementing concerted CBRM-based economic planning and continued synergies with CBU. One concern involves the more rural Wagmatcook. In which district would it be better placed? In proposal #2 below, Wagmatcook would be situated in a more suitable district as a community of interest with other rural Mi’kmaw communities on the island (arguably). These Mi’kmaw communities could interact with one rural voice with their MP, where need be. This is conjecture and would of course require consultation. *Markedly, the Mi’kmaq of Unama’ki have a history of acting in island-wide regional unity.

Often called “the Quad Counties” in local circles, Antigonish, Guysborough, Inverness, and Richmond would bring together many community interests:

- Cultural: The largest provincial concentration of citizens identifying as Gaels who are revitalizing their Gaelic culture; an encapsulation of Eastern Nova Scotia’s concentrated peripheral rural Acadian communities (better enabling prospects for descriptive effective representation and creating opportunities to foster cooperation on economic, social, and French language issues); rural Eastern NS Mi’kmaw communities/First Nations who share social and economic interests (e.g. fisheries and cultural tourism development)
 - Economic: A many-decades-long history of economic strategizing, whether through Antigonish Movement study clubs and cooperatives, community/CED groups working with Ministers and regional development agencies (notably via Cape Breton-Highlands-Canso representation) on fisheries, wharves, industrial mega projects, superport development, health, education, and transportation infrastructure; and adjacent lobster fishery zones off Inverness and Antigonish Counties
 - Economic, Social, Cultural: In relation, a notable historical commuting corridor between Quad County communities (e.g. town of Antigonish) and Port Hawkesbury/Point Tupper, aligned with industrial development and formally/informally regionalized social, health, sport, and educational services and institutions; and common access to media outlets with a Quad County target audience.
 - Strong historical ties between Quad County Gaelic, Acadian, and Mi’kmaw communities and St. FX University (begun in Arichat) as related to the “community empowerment” intentions of university founders and continuous student enrollment patterns
 - A regional centre for education and a regional hospital serving citizens of these communities, conveniently situated in the Eastern Health zone. Located in Antigonish, Saint Martha’s hospital is not in the same provincial health zone as the Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow, Pictou County.
 - Importantly, associated with achieving effective representation, rural citizens’ desire to nominate and elect a representative who is, at least occasionally, not a CBRM resident. In other words, it can be argued that Quad County residents are not achieving the effective representation they expect — not at the fault of the representative — but out of institutional design, which presently shapes a stronger power base out of Cape Breton County for two ridings.
2. Create a more ‘urban’ electoral district encompassing Cape Breton County with a name such as “Cape Breton-Membertou-Eskasoni” and a more “rural” district encompassing Victoria, Inverness, Richmond, Guysborough, and Antigonish Counties (including the Town of Antigonish) with a name such as “Cape Breton-Antigonish-Guysborough” or “Canso Strait-Victoria.” The reasoning for this is, for the most part, the same as the above. In this scenario, Victoria could join *rural* counties of Eastern Nova Scotia which share many of the community-

of-interest and identity features already mentioned. This option is a safe compromise in terms of finding population numbers (and some indicators of increasing population growth) that could be deemed acceptable for invoking “extraordinary circumstances” justifications (see Antigonish discussion below for elaboration). Including Guysborough in whole or in part — for instance as presently proposed by the EBC — would be up for challenging EBC deliberation concerning voter parity and the placement of the county’s western-most part.

3. Stay with the current EBC proposal. It is my guess that, if the EBC is willing to deviate from its original proposal, most citizens in Eastern Nova Scotia would see proposal #1 as the ideal arrangement. But considering the unenviable task of ‘finding’ higher population numbers for rural ridings to balance voter parity with community interests and histories, the EBC could find compromise with proposal #2. My *concern* surrounding the current EBC proposal is that it retains a CBRM/urban power base (from a contextual, empirical, and experiential effective representation perspective since 1997) in *both* proposed Cape Breton ridings. Including more densely populated communities from Post-Industrial Cape Breton in both districts makes it easier to meet voter parity the threshold. However, it puts potential rural candidates at a disadvantage, beginning at the nomination stage, consequently lessening the potential for rural voters to achieve effective representation. It also creates conflict regarding the competing port interests. While one could argue that it could foster port collaboration, I do not see this happening, and it puts MPs in a difficult position. Nevertheless, the rationale that I see behind the EBC proposal still outweighs that of proponents of Antigonish-Pictou riding scenarios. The EBC proposal better captures the more established common community interests and identities described in my preferred proposals above. The EBC proposal also accommodates previously instituted regionalization efforts (Eastern Health zone with regional hospitals in Sydney and Antigonish, *potentials* for knowledge clustering via educational institutions, which also may be difficult) and is more closely aligned with historical electoral district patterns (see below).

The Antigonish Consultation

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In which district should Antigonish Town and County be placed? The gathering reminded me of political party nomination meetings where the candidate with the most supporters in attendance generally wins the contest, whether or not their platform is convincing or accurate. Similarly, the Antigonish EBC consultation featured a number of political and community allies of the MP for the current Central Nova riding. I empathize with these constituents and community stakeholders. Mr. Fraser is 19(1) MP and cabinet minister 19(1)

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Many constituents do not want to lose him as a representative. However, proposals based on synergies, successes, and relationships fostered in the shorter-term, could have unforeseen negative and path-dependent consequences in the long term. In the future, Antigonish citizens could find themselves on the periphery with a ‘not-so-local’ MP in a riding that stretches into Halifax Regional Municipality, an area with which they have much less in common than Cape Breton.

At the Antigonish consultation, we heard historical and “communities-of-interest/identity” arguments for keeping the Town (and for some presenters, the County) of Antigonish in some version of the current Central Nova electoral district. What struck me is that rationales presented at the Antigonish meeting could, in most cases, be used more readily to justify including Antigonish Town and County in Cape Breton-Antigonish combinations.

Geographical Expanse of Electoral Districts (re: achieving effective representation)

I heard concerns at the consultation about the size of the proposed Cape Breton-Antigonish riding. The Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (15 (1) (ii)) mandates EBCs to arrive upon ‘a manageable geographic size for districts in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province.’ I feel that my two proposals and that of the EBC are, by Canada and province-wide comparisons, geographically and logistically manageable. Citizens commonly understand that federal districts will more often than not be larger than provincial ridings. And there are significantly larger ridings in other provinces than those proposed here for Eastern NS. In Saskatchewan, ridings such as Kindersley-Rosetown and Yorkton-Melville (which are not the largest) stretch almost 400km at their “longest” points. By comparison, a drive from Airisag, Antigonish County to the Northern tip of Cape Breton would be approximately 300km. Yes, there would be a trade-off in representing or residing in a geographically large Eastern NS district. But ultimately, communities of interest, minority representation, and a (theoretically) increased chance to nominate and elect an MP who descriptively and experientially represents these interests, better achieves effective representation than would other scenarios that meet the voter parity threshold.

Communities of Identity, Interest, and Historical Patterns of Electoral Districts

We also heard respondents, perhaps unfamiliar with Central Nova’s *extended* riding history, express that Pictou and Antigonish seemingly just had a better “fit.” To be frank, from cultural and historical standpoints, it is completely inaccurate to suggest that Antigonish has more in common with Pictou than with rural Cape Breton. One or more Antigonish consultation presenters mentioned strong Scottish heritage ties between Pictou and Antigonish Counties. However, the cultural history relating to successive cultural transmission patterns is nuanced and runs counter to such generalizations. The cultures of Lowland Scots (Anglo-centric) and Scottish Gaels (Gaelic) diverged centuries ago. And anglicization and Gaelic loss were visible in Pictou into the turn of the last century. This was tied to industrialization, concomitant urbanization, and early assimilation at the hands of political leadership of Pictou County towns that was hostile to Gaelic and promoted Anglo-centric institutions. Stronger Gaelic cultural transmission and settlement moved east of Pictou in NS. As historian Mike Kennedy notes in a commissioned report for the Government of NS:

Pictou does appear to have had a higher proportion of Lowland Scots in its population than the other Gaelic districts, but cursory surveys of settlement maps and census returns do not suggest that this was in any way large enough to account for the remarkably low Gaelic returns. Pictou’s settlement was earlier than that of Cape Breton but roughly coincidental with that of neighbouring Antigonish County. Yet, Antigonish, with a significantly smaller proportion of Scots in its population (only 67 per cent) was nearly 50 per cent Gaelic speaking — ten times that of Pictou at a mere five per cent. In all of the counties with large Scottish populations in 1901, the vast majority of those enumerated as Scots were Gaelic speaking, comprising roughly 60 per cent–90 per cent of the Scottish segment of the population. By contrast, the number of Scots in Pictou County who could speak the language was a strikingly low six per cent.ⁱⁱⁱ (see Appendix)

Indeed, for over a century and into the new period of NS Gaelic cultural revitalization through this century, common Gaelic cultural community interests and practices have converged more in the counties (*north*) east of Pictou County. Eastern Nova Scotian Gaels have been reclaiming their Gaelic identity and recognizing how their vernacular cultural practices differ from tartanized and standardized cultural components that commenced under anglicizing influences in Lowland Scotland in the 1800s.^{iv} But another key factor also later contributed to Gaelic continuation and revitalization east of Pictou. Kennedy

goes on to mention initiatives taken by former Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, the MP for Cape Breton Highlands Canso (not Central Nova) through the 1970s and into the 80s:

In 1971, the Trudeau government laid out a new multiculturalism policy for the nation. Nova Scotia's Gaelic community was fortunate in having an informed, influential and sympathetically right in the inner circle of federal power at that period, in the person of Allan J. MacEachen. A Gaelic speaker raised in Inverness County and a former student and faculty member at St. Francis Xavier University, MacEachen had an intimate knowledge of Gaelic in its important rural and institutional settings in Nova Scotia and was well acquainted with the obstacles it faced. As the federal secretary of state and, later, as deputy prime minister, he was able not only to develop policy that was friendly to multicultural ideals — and by extension directly to Gaelic — but also to facilitate access to the various cultural support programs that were available for those interested in promoting Gaelic and other cultures in Nova Scotia. His support in Ottawa not only helped Gaelic struggle its way back into the public school system but also resulted in the funding of the Gaelic Folklore Project and the establishment of a chair of Gaelic studies at St. Francis Xavier University.^v

Tangible results of this representation and leadership were realized in, for instance, bringing Gaelic teachers to Victoria and Inverness County schools. This exemplifies how effective representation may be achieved by creating electoral districts that encase communities of interest and identity— communities that can elect representatives who understand and live their experiences and cultures. On that note, I turn to historical electoral district patterns for Antigonish and Pictou.

Historical Placement of Antigonish: *Actual* Electoral District and Cultural Patterns

Arguments suggesting that Antigonish Town and County “fit” with Pictou County in a Central Nova configuration do not match historical reality. To save time, I quote wording from a Wikipedia entry that was recently edited for accuracy (I do this with assertion because I have checked the cited Library of Parliament sources which were also verified orally by a community historian). The Library of Parliament sources for the article can be accessed by going to the article (link provided in references):

Central Nova (French: Nova-Centre) is a federal electoral district in Nova Scotia, Canada that was represented in the House of Commons of Canada from 1968 until 1996. In 1996, Antigonish County and part of Guysborough County were placed with Pictou County in a new electoral boundaries configuration to form the electoral district of Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough. A new version of Central Nova was established in 2003[2] and — in conjunction with the Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough iteration — represented a significant electoral boundaries change with specific reference to Antigonish County. Between 1867 and 1997, Antigonish County was not in a riding that included Pictou County; rather, it comprised either its own electoral district (Antigonish), or part of other districts shared with Eastern Nova Scotia (Antigonish-Guysborough)[3] and Cape Breton Island communities (Cape Breton Highlands Canso, 1968-1997).[4] In 2013, part of Antigonish County was "placed back" with communities in the electoral district of Cape Breton Canso,[5] a riding which had emerged in part from the former Cape Breton Highlands Canso riding in 1996.[6] The current version of Central Nova includes Pictou County, parts of Antigonish and Guysborough Counties (including the Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's) and extends into Halifax Regional Municipality.[7]^{vi}

The history speaks for itself. In my opinion, a more nuanced analysis of concerns and proposals presented at the Antigonish consultation reveals that Antigonish Town and County should be placed within boundaries that combine them with portions of Cape Breton and Guysborough. There is stronger evidence

that Antigonish has more ties to Cape Breton than Pictou, in economic terms and in terms of communities of interest, communities of identity, and historical electoral district patterns. The EBC faces some tough choices because of competing stakeholders and voter parity considerations. However, regardless of differences in opinions, I am confident that Nova Scotians are in great hands with this notable team of experts. I know that you, the members of the Federal NS EBC, are doing your very best for the province. I commend and thank you for your efforts and the time you have given to Nova Scotians.

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Appendix

1901 Census Figures Displaying How the Gaelic Community of Identity 'Moved' East of Pictou

County	% Scots	% Gaelic-speakers (Total Population)	% Gaelic-speakers (Scottish Population)
Victoria	80	73	92
Inverness	71	58	82
Richmond	33	24	72
Antigonish	67	48	71
Cape Breton	56	31	56
Pictou	79	5	6

Source: Kennedy 2002

While the 'religion' cultural factor has receded and is all but residual, the language link, along with other cultural components of those identifying as Gaels, continued more pronounced in the Counties of Antigonish, Richmond, Inverness, and Victoria and remains strong in part due to the Gaelic revitalization processes visible into this new century, traceable also to initiatives undertaken by representation from Cape Breton-Highlands-Canso.

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Nova Scotia Public Consultations

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Introductions

- Welcome the opportunity to provide feedback today on the Commissions proposed changes to the electoral map of Cape Breton – Canso.
- We come here tonight respecting the challenge you face to readjust the boundaries of the federal electoral districts to reflect the 2021 census.
- We both have a lifetime of experience and awareness of the riding of Cape Breton, Antigonish County, Guysborough County

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Building on the Commissions work

- It is our intention to provide you with suggestions that build on your work with the goal to create federal electoral districts that not only reflect the changes in population but also better reflects the communities of interest and identity.
- Our proposal respects and reflects section 15, *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act* which requires that electoral maps must take into account the following two factors:
 - Community of interest, community of identity or historical pattern of an electoral district in the province
 - Manageable geographic size for districts in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province

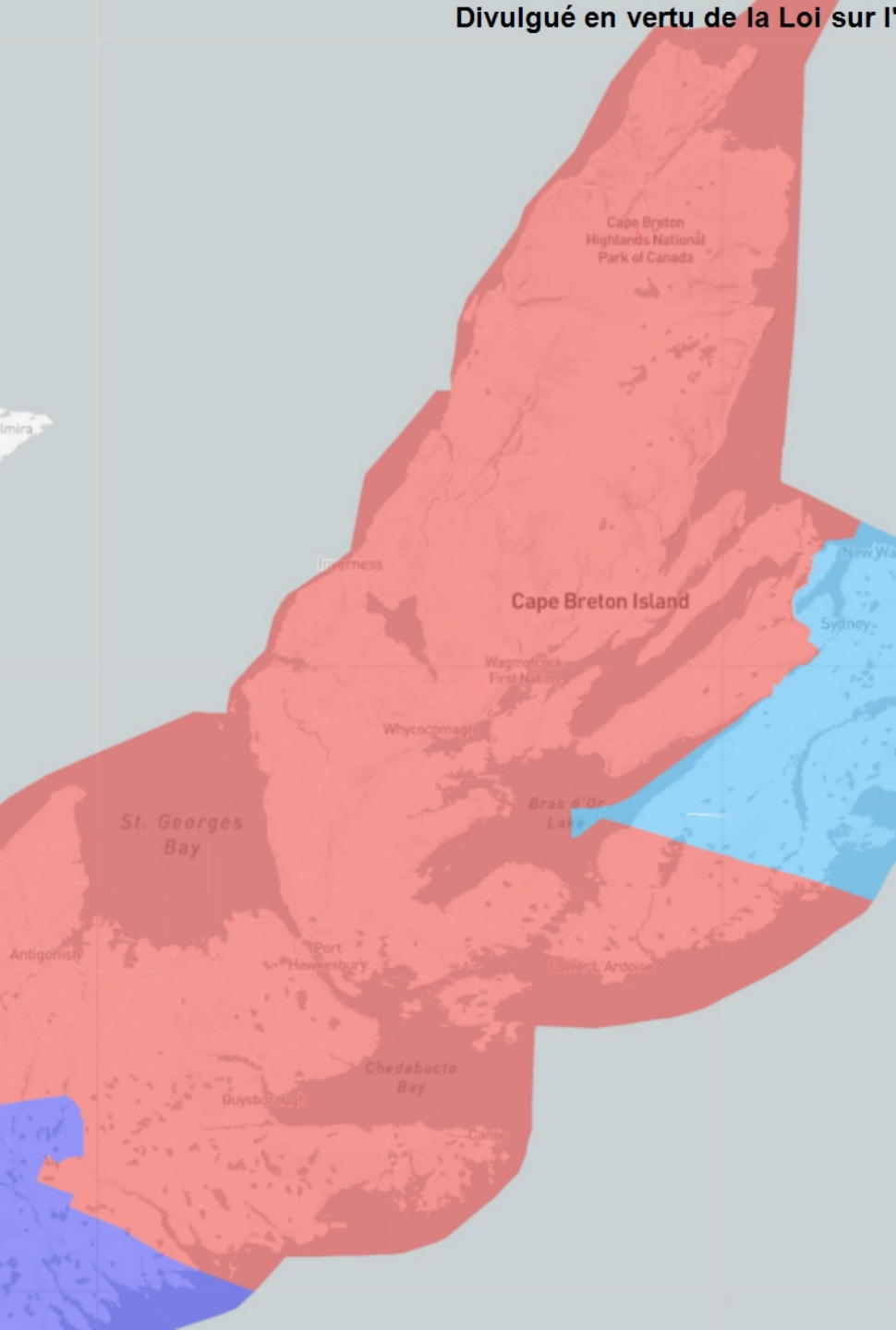
Commission Proposal

- Cape Breton – Canso
 - Increasing the existing electoral map of Cape Breton – Canso to include all of Antigonish County does provide a sense of balance in voting power between Glace Bay area and the Mainland
 - Does not however take the opportunity to address the long-standing differences in communities of interest between the Glace Bay area in the northeast and Port Hawkesbury, Antigonish Co, Guysborough Co on the west side of the island and the mainland
 - Existing population of 71,380 increases to 84,999
- Sydney – Victoria
 - Status quo for the electoral map of Sydney –Victoria Existing population of 72,361 remains

Opportunity for Improvement

Building on the Commissions work, our proposal creates ridings that better reflect community of interest, community of identity:

- Each riding has more in common from a historical, geographic and a communities of interest perspective by:
 - Creating industrial riding with historical roots in mining, heavy water, steel and a more rural riding with roots in farming, fishing, tourism & Acadian culture.
- Anticipates future growth pattern on Cape Breton Island and Mainland Nova Scotia
- Reflects both the April 2019, final report of the Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission, entitled Balancing Effective Representation with Voter Parity & the 1991 Supreme Court of Canada ruling that ridings must reflect **effective representation**. This includes community of interest & geography (Saskatchewan v Carter, 1991 SCC 158).



Updated Cape Breton - Antigonish

- Divest the provincial ridings of Cape Breton East & Glace Bay Dominion
- Acquire the provincial riding of Victoria - The Lakes
- Existing population of 71,380 decreases to 71,121

Updated Sydney - Victoria

- Divest the provincial ridings of Victoria - The Lakes
- Acquire Cape Breton East & Glace Bay Dominion
- Existing population of 72,361 increases to 86,239

Column in Cape Breton Post and on saltwire.com – May 18, 2022

Do Glace Bay and Antigonish fit in the same riding?

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission should rethink its draft

By 19(1)

The centre of gravity of one of the two Cape Breton federal ridings could soon shift to infrastructure-rich Antigonish.

This will happen if the draft map of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia becomes the final map.

I would respectfully submit that good alternatives can be found – alternatives that still comply with the mandate of the independent, non-partisan commission.

Admittedly, this commission has a difficult task. A commission is appointed every 10 years for each province.

This time around, big changes are being contemplated to our province's federal seats. The big one for Cape Breton would see Antigonish join the sprawling and already-disjointed riding that also includes Glace Bay, Chéticamp, Potlotek and Canso -- but does not include Sydney, New Waterford, Eskasoni or Baddeck, which would remain in a separate Sydney-Victoria constituency.

Cape Breton University's population would remain split down the middle between Sydney-Victoria and the rejigged Cape Breton-Antigonish. But the CBU campus itself would now be in the same riding as St. Francis Xavier University.

Public hearings on the draft will be held between May 30 and June 27, including one at the Cambridge Suites Hotel in Sydney on May 30. The commission, which is also accepting written submissions, will then make final decisions and produce a final map.

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The three-member expert panel's task boiled down to this: Redraw Nova Scotia's 11 federal ridings to account for population changes over the past 10 years, especially growth in the Halifax region.

The population sizes of the newly redrawn ridings should be within 25 percent of the average constituency population. In other words, the 11 Nova Scotia ridings should each have between 66,095 and 110,158 people. The average, based on 2021 census figures, is 88,126.

The commission can depart from this plus-or-minus-25-percent standard if justified by extraordinary circumstances, which the commission did not find.

If the commission were to do nothing, the rapidly growing Halifax West would check in at 27 percent above the average. Two other Halifax ridings would soon reach the 25-percent threshold.

But if the commission did nothing to Sydney-Victoria and the current Cape Breton-Canso, these constituencies would still fall within the required population range, albeit on the low end.

The commission's draft actually leaves Sydney-Victoria untouched, making it the smallest-population riding in Nova Scotia at 72,361 (or 17.89 percent below average). But it makes a major change to Cape Breton-Canso by adding Antigonish.

Antigonish is currently part of Central Nova. That riding would disappear under the proposal. And believe it or not, Preston and Pictou would henceforth be in the same federal riding.

Shubenacadie and Bedford Basin would also come together in the same riding. Indeed, in a few instances the commissioners attached distant rural areas to Halifax suburban communities. The suburban interests will dominate those ridings, further reducing rural influence.

The principle of achieving reasonably (but not perfectly) comparable population sizes is important, but it is partially balanced by considerations of vast geography, different communities of interest and other factors. That is one reason why, across Canada, urban and suburban ridings are almost always allowed to be somewhat more populous than their rural counterparts.

I was therefore surprised to see some of the commission's proposed rural ridings actually come in above the provincial average for riding population.

The geographically unwieldy proposed Cape Breton-Antigonish would check in at just 3.55 percent below the average. The proposed riding's very spread-out and very distinctive communities, the different local economies and the diversity of languages might have justified a moderately greater variance from the average. As a result, Antigonish wouldn't have been needed to make quota.

It could be argued that Antigonish has a natural historical connection to Cape Breton because of St. Francis Xavier University and the once-dominant Roman Catholic Diocese of Antigonish.

But it's a difficult history: For decades, St. FX resisted having an autonomous, full-fledged Cape Breton University.

And the Antigonish bishops ... well, that history is traumatic for many Cape Bretoners.

A final, more general note: The commission's maps show all incorporated municipalities. They should also show First Nations communities.

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REFERENCE: FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION 2022
NOVA SCOTIA COMMISSION – HALIFAX WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT

General

The observations are centered upon the proposed boundaries of Electoral Districts Halifax West and Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin.

Comments

The Commission is proposing the current district be split into two parts, the southern portion remain as Halifax West and the northern portion be integrated in the new district of Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin.

The proposed district boundaries contain significant areas of low-density rural living with significant areas of higher density urban living. This combination of mixed land use may provide conflict within these new districts as these areas continue to grow and develop. Rural communities have different needs and requirements than urban centres, therefore, organizing similar communities within the same electoral district will allow citizens to work together for common interests and goals.

The proposed boundaries also divide existing communities, i.e., Bedford, Hammonds Plains, Timberlea, Lakeside, and Beechville. A case in point, Bedford shares more in common with the communities located south along the Bedford Basin, e.g., Mill Cove, Princess Lodge and Rockingham, than the communities north along the Sackville River. Any proposed amendments to the boundaries should endeavour to maintain established communities.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Halifax West Electoral District be apportioned east west vice north south.

The recommended Halifax West district boundaries (highlighted in yellow on the map) are:

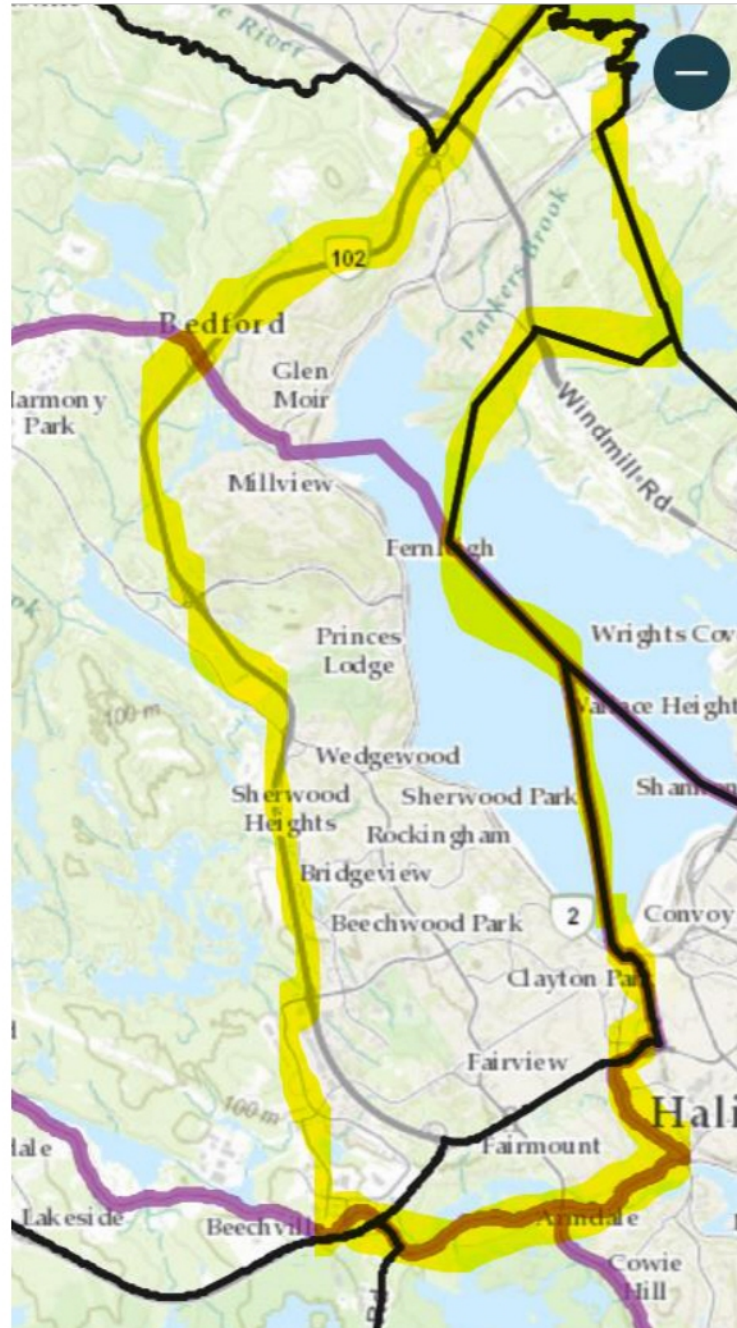
- Start at Intersection of Highway 3, Highway 103 and Lakelands Blvd
- Then to the south end of Horselake Dr
- Then to the west end of Washmill Lake Dr
- Then to northwest corner of Bayers Lake Drive
- Then to intersection of Bayers Lake Drive and Highway 102
- Then follow Highway 102 to the intersection of Highway 102 and 103
- Then follow current district boundaries.
- Follow current distinct boundaries of distinct to intersection of Joseph Howe Drive and Highway 102
- Following proposed boundaries of district to Intersection of Highway 3, Highway 103 and Lakelands Blvd.

Further it is recommended that the district be renamed Halifax West Bedford.

The area west of the revised north south boundary would be apportioned to the proposed district of Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin. I would recommend that the new district to be named Hammonds Plains Sackville Fall River.

Respectfully submitted,

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Proposed Boundary Halifax West – Bedford

Good evening Commissioners and Commission Staff,

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First of all I would like to thank you for serving on this Commission and seeking the input of Nova Scotians – a process so important to our democracy.

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For example you cite the case of Halifax West exceeding the electoral district median of 88,126 by 27% where tradition has been +/- 25% deviation. I know too that you do not have the flexibility to increase the seat count

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Rather it was the result of the report of the Keefe Commission in 2018 which was established a year earlier following a Nova Scotia Court of Appeal reference on a fundamental question –

how to recommend boundaries that balance effective representation for all Nova Scotians with the historical and linguistic minorities of both Acadians and African Nova Scotians and the ability and processes to

Northside-Westmount, Inverness, Richmond, Cape Breton Centre, Glace Bay-Dominion, and Cape Breton East.

I think this more fairly represents the urban areas of Cape Breton as a new Sydney-Victoria electoral district. This would raise Sydney Victoria to around 86,000 by my calculation; a 2% negative variance. For Cape Breton Canso, with Antigonish County included, this would bring this district to about 71,000, a 20% negative variance. This seems like a lot, but it provides future commission's with the ability to add more to this district by continuing to go South into the mainland to accommodate the growth of HRM.

The change of Antigonish into the mainland as the Commission notes impacts the old Central Nova in a major way requiring a population addition be made to this riding. I think the Commission has elegantly managed to increase the population here while starting to solve the HRM electoral district issues. Adding Chezzetcook and Preston to the new riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston, is in my opinion a logical choice. However, I would go further by adding all of Westphal following the provincial boundary of Preston as a natural community of interest.

The removal of Westphal from Dartmouth Cole Harbour enables the Commission to use the natural boundary of Highway 118 - essentially mirroring the provincial boundary of Dartmouth East. This will bring Dartmouth-Cole Harbour to approximately 94,000 or a little over 6% above your median target.

I am not suggesting any changes to the Cumberland Colchester electoral district.

For the newly named electoral district of Schubunacadie-Bedford Basin, from the edge of Highway 118 through Bedford up to the edge of Larry Uteck and out to the 102 Highway creates a slightly modified riding that

has the new community that has built up around Larry Uteck which is more associated with Bedford in terms of its residents, where they shop, and where their schools are, than with Halifax West. This creates a new Schubenacadie-Bedford Basin electoral district of around 97,000 – a little over 10% higher than the median.

The next electoral district then impacted by this ripple effect is Halifax West where the Commission started. It pushes this riding more towards the ocean and that is really appropriate. Since the suburban growth there from the former rotary to Sambro and from the rotary to Tantallon are more suburban commuter neighbourhoods, not coastal fishing or rural communities anymore. The morning and late afternoon traffic flows as referenced on week days on CBC would attest to this.

When one thinks of White's Lake, Hubley, Five Islands, Timberlea, Westwood Hills and both sides of Hammonds Plains, you are really dealing with the western side of Halifax of 'like minded' communities. For these reasons, in the last provincial redistribution, the Committee recommended that the Provincial riding of Timberlea Prospect go from Timberlea to Hubley, from the edge of Tantallon to Prospect Bay.

However, for Federal purposes, I would take the very coastal part of Timberlea Prospect and leave that with the South Shore since many of those communities on the coast are still active commercial fishing villages. But once one ventures past Prospect to Sambro, the fishing communities stop and the rest into the rotary are more suburban parts of Halifax now.

So where to draw the line between Halifax West, Halifax and the upper part of South Shore-St. Margaret's? I believe that happens from the ocean separation between Halifax Atlantic and Timberlea Prospect. I would draw the line until you reach Long Lake Provincial Park and the Prospect Road where I believe Halifax West 'truly' begins.

All that is currently in Halifax Atlantic I would consider returning this to the riding of Halifax as it has a long history of community interest with those who live on both sides of the North West Arm into the peninsula. I used to live in what we call Mainland South and commuted as with many others through the 'rotary',

If this were followed, Halifax West would have a population of about 7,000 more than the commission's current proposal of 90,917. The electoral district of Halifax would have the same population under this approach.

So what to do about South Shore-St. Margaret's, West Nova and Kings Hants?

These suggested HRM changes would enable the Commission to keep the historic three counties of the South Shore together with St. Margaret's Bay. Having been part of many public consultations in this area with the provincial commissions I have served on, I know how much this area of Lunenburg, Queen's and Shelburne is tied to its historical roots that predate the founding of Halifax in 1749 and the arrival of the Empire Loyalists in the later part of the 18th century. By keeping these three counties together that rely so much on the ocean for their economic well being, you would be maintaining a shared community of interest. If adopted, this would bring the South Shore-St. Margaret's electoral district in at around 88,000 - right at the Commission's median.

The existing West Nova still needs additional population with the challenge of maintaining the historical and nature of the Acadian shore and the farming heritage of the Annapolis valley. Here I would suggest moving the West Nova northern boundary to the provincial Kings West Boundary where it meets Kings North and Kings South. This would increase West Nova to close to 86,000. It would also allow the

Commission to add back Elmsdale to Kings Hants where it has been and where it shares a community of interest. We recognized this reality from our public consultations in our most recent provincial exercise with the boundaries of Hants East which I would offer is the correct boundary for this end of Kings Hants.

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I will leave with you the text of my suggestions, a Table summarizing how my suggestions compared to the Commission's current proposals, as well as maps and a more detailed explanation of the proposed 11 electoral districts.

Thank you.

Current and Proposed Boundary Populations

Riding Name	Population in Initial Boundary Proposal	Population in this proposal	% difference
Halifax	97,243	98,638	+1.43
Halifax West	90,917	98,207	+8.01
Dartmouth— Cole Harbour	93,622	93,622	0.00
Shubenacadie— Bedford Basin	91,176	97,466	+6.88
Kings--Hants	87,409	85,771	-1.87
West Nova (Acadian Shore— Shelburne)	89,956	85,544	-4.90
South Shore— St. Margarets	91,288	88,399	-3.16
Pictou—Eastern Shore--Preston	88,398	82,779	-6.36
Cumberland-- Colchester	82,014	82,014	0.00
Cape Breton-- Antigonish	84,999	71,121	-16.33
Cape Breton Centre (Sydney— Victoria)	72,361	86,239	+19.18

Proposed Halifax riding:

Commencing at the easternly point of Shaw Cove Rd., then travelling along the Atlantic coast to the intersection of the Bedford Hwy and Windsor St., then along Windsor St to the intersection of Windsor St and Connaught Ave, then along Connaught Ave to the intersection of Connaught Ave and Bayers Rd., then to the intersection of Bayers Rd and E Perimeter Rd., then along E Perimeter Rd. to the intersection of E Perimeter Rd and Mumford Rd., then along Mumford Rd., to the intersection of Mumford Rd. and Chebucto Rd., then along Chebucto Rd to the Armdale Rotary, then along St. Margarets Bay Rd to the intersection of St. Margarets Bay Rd and Dunbrack St, then along Dunbrack St to the intersection of Dunbrack St and Old Sambro Rd., then along Old Sambro Rd in a southerly direction to easternly point of Shaw Cove Rd.

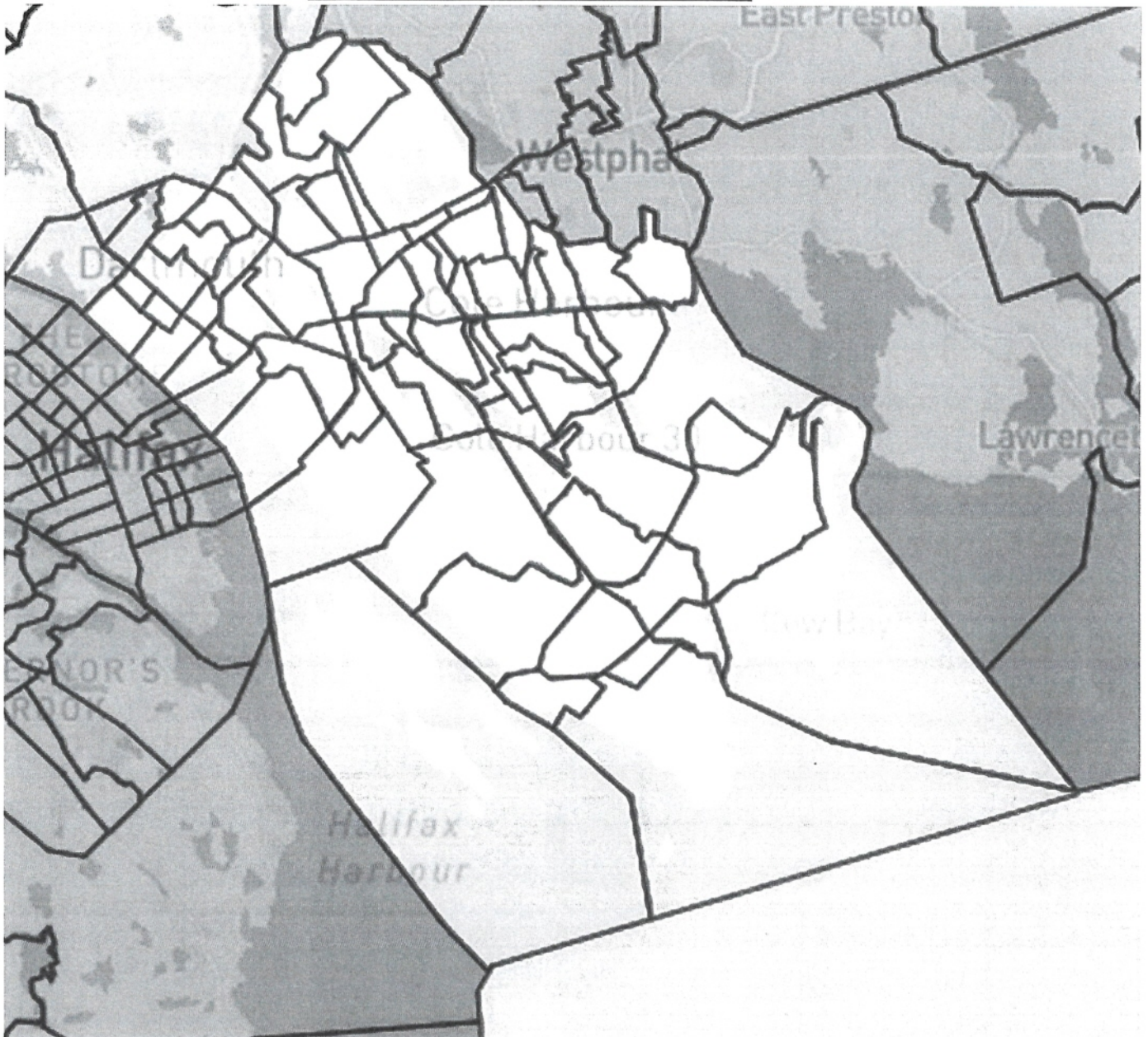
Halifax West



Proposed Halifax West riding:

Commencing at the southwestern corner of Pockwock Lake, thence travelling in a southwesterly direction around the eastern border of Wrights Lake, then southernly to the intersection of Hwy 103 and Hiking Trail Rd, then traveling easternly down the 103 until exit 5, then traveling southwesterly to the intersection of Hammons Plains Rd and St. Margarets Bay Rd, then in a generally south-south easterly direction to Ralph Wheadon Trail, then in an easterly direction to Prospect Rd, then in an eastely direction toward the intersection of Old Sambro Rd and Leiblin Dr., then along Old Sambro Rd to the intersection of Old Sambro Rd and Dunbrack St., then along Dunbrack St to the intersection of Dunbrack St and St. Margarets Bay Rd., then along St. Margarets Bay Rd. to the Armdale Rotary, then along Chebucto Rd to the intersection of Chebucto Rd and Mumford Rd, then along Mumford Rd to the intersection of Mumford Rd and Romans Ave., then in a northeasterly direction towards the intersection of Bayers Rd and Connaught Ave., then along Connaught Ave. to the intersection of Connaught Ave and Windsor St., then along Windsor St to the intersection of Windsor St and the Bedford Hwy., then along the Bedford Hwy to the intersection of the Bedford Hwy and Millview Ave, then in a southwest westerly direction toward Larry Uteck Blvd, then along Larry Uteck Blvd to the intersection of Hwy 102 and Larry Uteck Blvd, then along Hwy 102 to the intersection of Hwy 102 and Hammonds Plains Rd., then along Hammonds Plains Rd to the intersection of Hammonds Plains Rd and Gary Martin Dr., then along Gary Martin Dr in a south south westerly direction to the intersection of Broad St and Larry Uteck Blvd, then along Larry Uteck Blvd to the intersection of Larry Uteck Blvd and Hammonds Plains Rd., then along Hammonds Plains Rd. to the intersection of Hammonds Plains Rd and Pockwock Rd., then along Pockwock Rd, back to the outhwestern corner of Pockwock Lake.

Dartmouth—Cole Harbour



Dartmouth—Cole Harbour (no proposed change to Commission's proposal)

Consists of that part of the Halifax Regional Municipality described as follows: commencing at a point in Halifax Harbour at the intersection with the Atlantic Ocean at latitude 44°33'43"N and longitude 63°30'00"W; thence generally northwesterly along said harbour (passing to the west of McNabs Island and to the east of Georges Island) to the A. Murray Mackay Bridge (Highway 111); thence northeasterly along said bridge to Highway 111 (Highway of Heroes); thence northeasterly, easterly and southeasterly along said highway to Highway 7 (Main Street); thence northeasterly along said street to a transmission line (933 Main Street) approximately 200 metres west of Riley Road; thence southerly along said transmission line to an unnamed brook flowing southerly from Broom Lake; thence generally southerly along said brook to Cole Harbour (approximate latitude 44°40'25"N and longitude 63°27'47"W); thence generally southeasterly along said harbour to a point in the Atlantic Ocean at latitude 44°35'32"N and longitude 63°21'48"W; thence westerly in a straight line to the point of commencement.

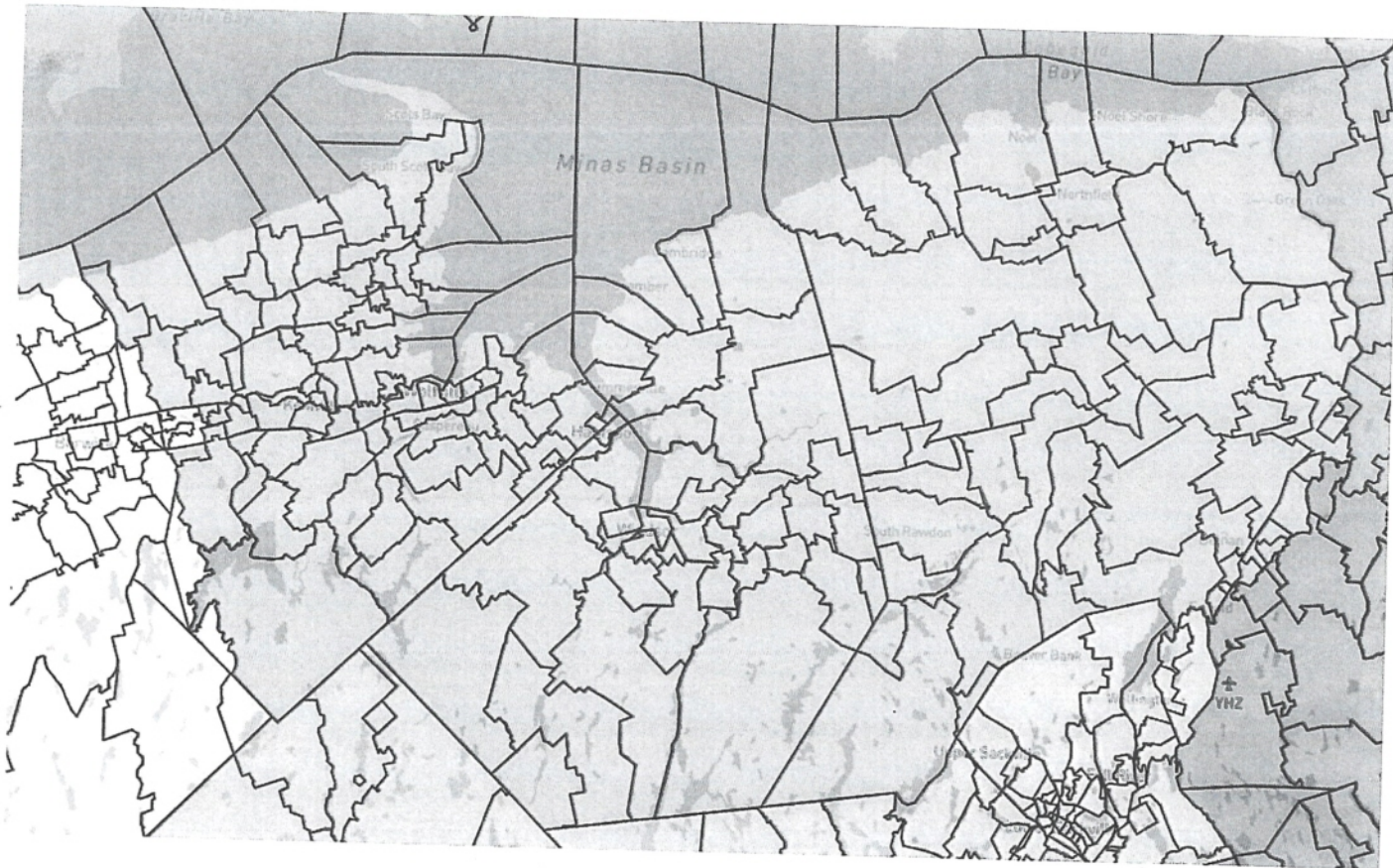
Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin



Proposed Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin riding

Commencing at Miller Cove in Little Grand Lake, thence travelling in a south west westerly direction to southwestern corner of Pockwock Lake, then along Pockwock Rd to the intersection of Pockwock Rd and Hammonds Plains Rd., then along Hammonds Plains Rd. to the intersection of Hammonds Plains Rd and Larry Uteck Blvd, then along Larry Uteck Blvd to the intersection of Larry Uteck Blvd and Broad St, then in a northeasterly direction to the intersection of Hammonds Plains Rd and Gary Martin Dr., then along Hammonds Plains Rd to the intersection of Hammonds Plains Rd and Hwy 102, then along Hwy 102 in a southerly direction to the intersection of Hwy 102 and Larry Uteck Blvd, then along Larry Uteck Blvd to the intersection of Larry Uteck Blvd and Bedford Hwy, then along the Bedford Basin to the intersection of Windmill Rd and Harbour Mews, then along Albro Lake Rd to the southern most point of Albro Lake, then along Albro Lake to Hwy 111, then along Hwy 111 to the intersection of Hwy 111 and Hwy 118, then along Hwy 118 to the southern point of Lake Charles, then along Lake Charles to Waverley Rd at Barrys Run, then along Waverley Rd to the intersection of Waverley Rd and Spider Lake Rd., then in an easterly direction toward Lake Major, then northerly along Lake Major to Soldier Lake, then northeasterly to the intersection of Hwy 102 and Aerotech Dr., then along Hwy 102 to the Shubenacadie River, then along Shubenacadie River to Miller Cove in Little Grand Lake.

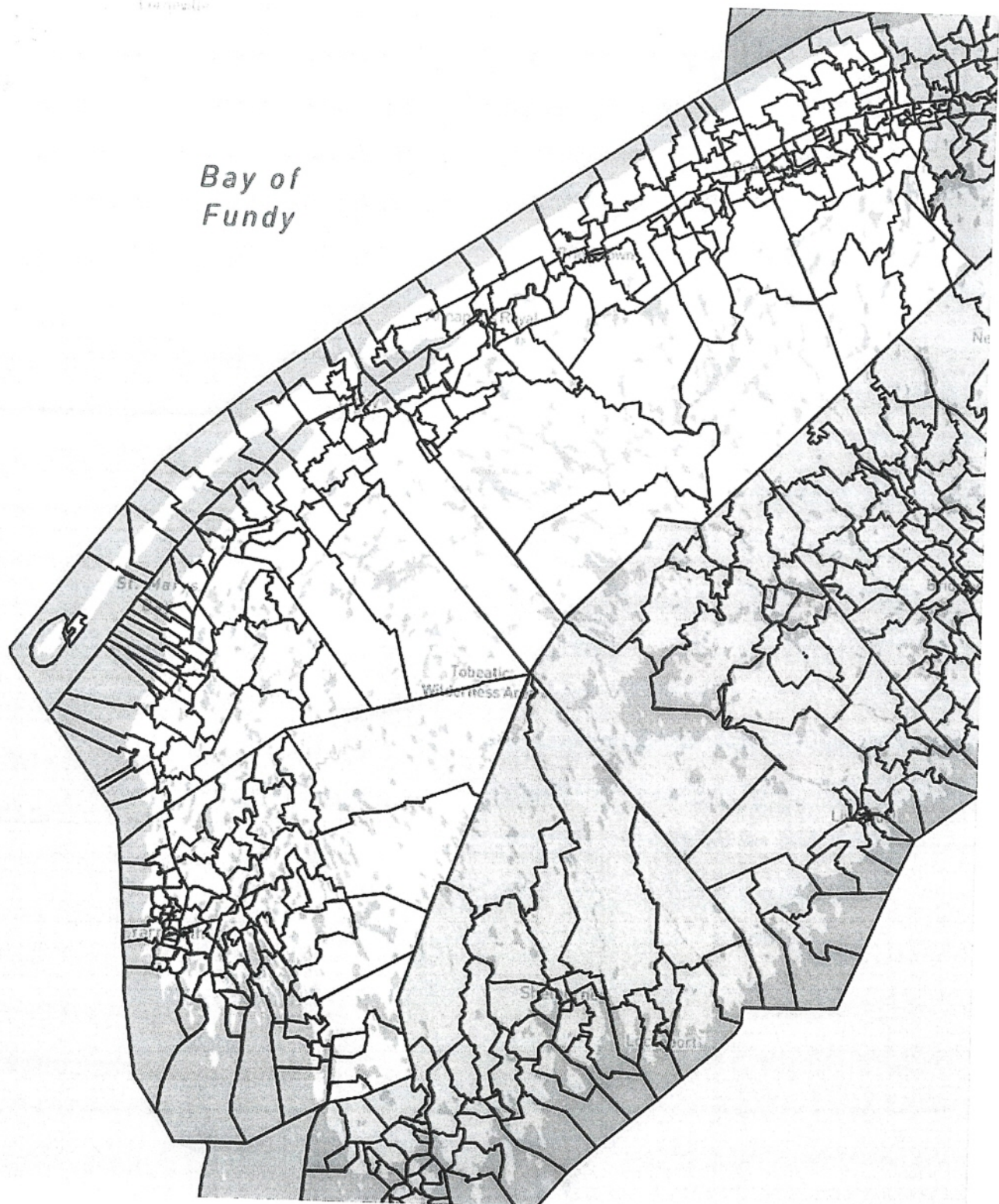
Kings—Hants



Proposed Kings—Hants riding

Commencing at the intersection of Black Rock Rd and Wall St in Kings County, then along Black Rock Rd to the intersection of Black Rock Rd and Hwy 101, then along Hwy 101 to the point north on the western most part of Carolina Ave, then southerly to Loretta Ave, then westerly along Loretta Ave to the intersection of Loretta Ave and Larry Dr, then easterly along Loretta Ave to Jeremy St, then in a southerly direction to Hwy 1, then southerly along Spittal Rd. until the point in which it goes eastward, then westerly to the intersection of Randolph Rd and Joudrey Mountain Rd, then along Randolph Rd until the intersection of Randolph Rd and Sharpe Brook, then along Sharpe Brook to the intersection of North River and North River Rd, then southeasterly along North River to Gaspereau Lake, then along Gaspereau Lake to West River, then southerly along West River to the point it reaches Jones Rd Branch, then in a south easterly direction to the intersection of Hwy 12 and Sweet Rd., then in a northeasterly direction towards Dean Chapter Lake, then in a southeasterly direction toward Hwy 14 south of Zwicker Lake, then easterly to the western-most point of Pockwock Lake, then northeasterly toward the intersection of Beaver Bank Rd and Neil Peters Rd., then northeasterly to Little Grand Lake, then around Little Grand Lake to the Subenacadie River, then along the Subenacadie River to the Cobequid Bay, along the ocean to the intersection of Black Rock Rd and Wall St in Kings County.

West Nova

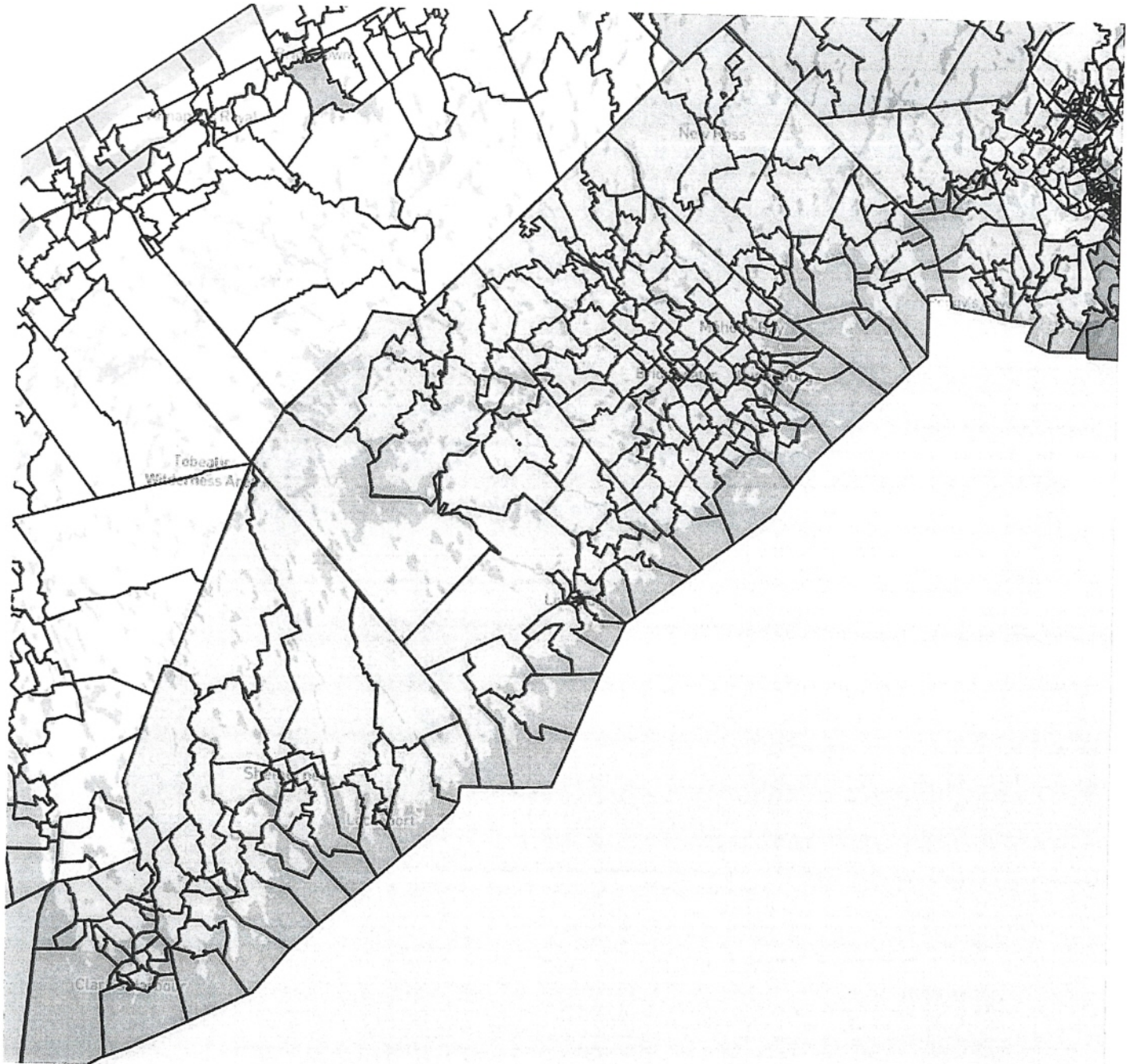


Proposed West Nova riding

The counties of Annapolis, Digby, and Yarmouth; and:

The part of Kings County that commences at the intersection of Black Rock Rd and Wall St in Kings County, then along Black Rock Rd to the intersection of Black Rock Rd and Hwy 101, then along Hwy 101 to the point north on the western most part of Carolina Ave, then southerly to Loretta Ave, then westerly along Loretta Ave to the intersection of Loretta Ave and Larry Dr, then easterly along Loretta Ave to Jeremy St, then in a southerly direction to Hwy 1, then southerly along Spittal Rd. until the point in which it goes eastward, then westerly to the intersection of Randolph Rd and Joudrey Mountain Rd, then along Randolph Rd until the intersection of Randolph Rd and Sharpe Brook, then along Sharpe Brook to the intersection of North River and North River Rd, then southeasterly along North River to Gaspereau Lake, then along Gaspereau Lake to West River, then southerly along West River to the point it reaches Jones Rd Branch, then in a south easterly direction to the intersection of Hwy 12 and Sweet Rd., then southwesterly to the Annapolis County Line.

South Shore—St. Margarets



Proposed South Shore-St. Margarets riding:

Consisting of:

(a) the County of Lunenburg;

(b) the Region of Queens Municipality;

(c) the County of Shelburne; and

(d) that part of the Halifax Regional Municipality lying westerly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the northerly limit of said regional municipality with the westerly shoreline of Pockwock Lake; thence generally southerly along said shoreline to the westernmost extremity of Ponhook Cove in Pockwock Lake; thence continuing southerly along the eastern shoreline of Wrights Lake; thence southeasterly in a straight line to the northernmost points of Coon Pond; thence continuing southernly along the eastern extremity of Coon Pond; thence a straight line southward from the most southern point of Coon Pond until hitting Fishermen's Memorial Highway (Highway No. 103) just northward of the most northern point of Mill Lake; thence southwesterly along said road to Highway No. 103; to thence southerly along said lake to Hammonds Plains Road (Highway No. 213) until reaching an intersection with St. Margarets Bay Road (Highway No. 3); thence from this intersection the border will continue southwestward along an unmarked boundary until reaching the Ralph Easton hiking trail; thence directly westward through Middle Five Bridge Lake until reaching the Southernmost Timberlea Municipality boundary; thence continuing westward along Old St. Margarets Bay Road until reaching the southernmost point of Big Indian Lake; thence southwestward away from the Timberlea boundary to Peter's Lake; thence along the an unmarked stream that passes through Narrow Lake; thence continuing along the unmarked stream southwestward towards Sheas Lake; thence continuing southward along Old Sambro Road until reaching Grand Lake; thence generally southeasterly along the easterly shoreline of said lake and the Pennant River to the most northwesterly extremity of Grand Lake at approximate latitude 44°29'45"N and longitude 63°38'31"W; thence southwesterly in a straight line to the mouth of the unnamed stream flowing from Bar Harbour Lake into Pennant Bay at approximate latitude 44°28'02"N and longitude 63°40'19"W; thence southwesterly in a straight line to a point in the Atlantic Ocean at latitude 44°27'19"N and longitude 63°41'00"W; thence southwesterly in a straight line to a point in the Atlantic Ocean on the southerly limit of said regional municipality at latitude 44°25'20"N and longitude 63°42'20"W.

Pictou—Eastern Shore--Preston

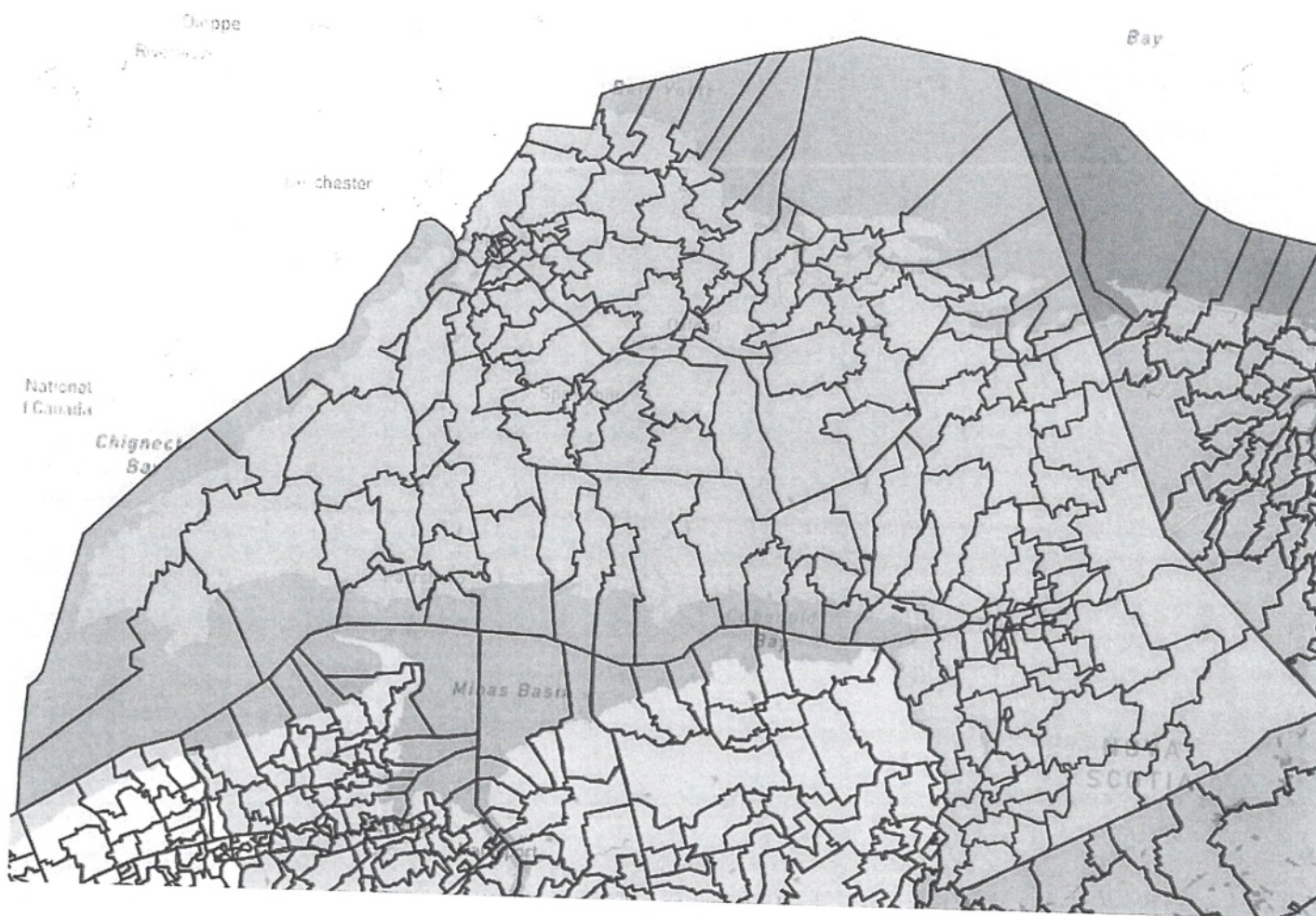


Proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding

Consisting of:

- (a) the County of Pictou;
- (b) the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's;
- (c) that part of the Halifax Regional Municipality lying easterly of a line described as follows:
commencing at the intersection of the northerly limit of said regional municipality with Highway 102 (Veterans Memorial Highway); thence following highway 102 and diverging on Aerotech Drive; thence continues south easterly into Preeper Pond; thence continues south westerly onto Holland Brook until Soldier Lake; thence continuing along the eastern shoreline of Soldier Lake; Thence continuing southeasterly along Soldier Lake Gullies into Lake Major; Thence at the north center point on Lake Major continuing western in a straight unmarked line through Caribou Bog until highway 107; thence following highway 107 continuing to highway 107 Forest Hills Extension; thence continuing southerly onto Forest Hills Parkway; thence diverging eastward onto Auburn Drive; thence continuing southerly onto John Stuart Drive; thence breaking eastward on an unmarked straight line on Broom Brook; thence diverging from Broom Brook at Caroline's Way park in a straight easterly line to Old Lawrencetown road; thence continuing southeasterly until reaching the intersection between Old Lawrencetown road and Cole Harbour road; thence cutting southerly on a straight unmarked path into Cole Harbour.
- (d) that part of the Municipality of the District of East Hants lying southeasterly and southwesterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the southerly limit of said municipal district with Highway 102 (Veterans Memorial Highway); thence continuing easterly along the Shubenacadie River until the limit of the Halifax Regional Municipality (Shubenacadie River)

Cumberland--Colchester



Cumberland-Colchester (no proposed changes)

Consists of the counties of Colchester and Cumberland.

Cape Breton—Antigonish & Cape Breton Centre



Both ridings



Sydney



May 2, 2022

Ms. Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
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Dear Ms. Moulaison:

The District of the Municipality of East Hants is concerned over a recent proposal to change the boundaries of the federal electoral districts. According to the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 website, the East Hants communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and a portion of Milford would be removed from the federal riding of Kings-Hants and added to the new federal riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

One of the criteria the Commission must consider is “*the community of interest, community of identity or historical pattern of an electoral district in the province*”. East Hants Municipal Council believes that the Commission has failed to take “community of interest” into consideration as part of their proposal. Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford are an integral part of the Municipality of East Hants, which has traditionally been included with the federal riding of Kings-Hants. Within these communities there are 8,052 residents (6,361 electors) who have more in common with the residents of East Hants and federally Kings-Hants, than they do with the residents of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. Residents of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford use important services such as schools, health care, and recreation facilities all located in the Municipality of East Hants, which is located in the federal riding of Kings-Hants. Residents from these communities are very unlikely to use services in of the areas of Pictou, Eastern Shore or Preston. It is distressing that the Commission would miss the relationship that these electors have with the surrounding East Hants community, a “community of interest”.

East Hants Council also has concerns over the locations for the hearings. The proposed change will impact approximately 8,052 East Hants residents but no hearing is proposed to be located in the

affected area. Their options are to drive to Kentville, Truro or Lower Sackville which makes it difficult to hear a united voice from the community. Therefore, we recommend that an additional date be added to the hearing, to be scheduled in East Hants so that electors from the area have the ability to present their concerns in their community.

For further information on population and demographics for this area please contact

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Yours Sincerely,

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CC: Kody Blois, M.P.



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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022

I write with respect to the above referenced matter. The Council for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough recently reviewed the new proposed changes to the Federal Electoral Districts; and, in particular the proposed change for the District of Guysborough.

While the new proposed redistribution meets the population target within 25% more or less, Council does not feel that the redistribution achieves the goal of communities of interest, identity or historical pattern. As such, Council would like to go on record in opposition to the proposed redistribution affecting the District of Guysborough. In addition, Council would also ask that consideration be given to include "Guysborough" in the name of the riding and therefore have it amended from Cape Breton-Antigonish to Antigonish-Guysborough-Cape Breton to fully recognize the area covered by this electoral district.

I thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

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June 28, 2022

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Re: 2022 Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear Commissioners,

I write to you today regarding the proposed re-alignment of the 11 federal electoral districts for Nova Scotia based on the 2021 decennial census, and in particular the new boundaries for the Halifax Electoral District.

First, I want to recognize the essential function the Commissions serve in our democracy, the importance of your work, and the difficulty inherent in balancing the interests of various communities while adhering to the requirements set out in the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*.

Given Nova Scotia's increased population over the past ten years, especially in and around Halifax, it's inevitable that some adjustments to our current electoral map are required. However, upon reviewing the proposed electoral districts of Halifax and Southshore-St Margarets, as well as hearing from some affected residents, I have a few concerns regarding the proposed changes.

A significant portion of the current Halifax electoral district south of Spryfield would go to South Shore–St Margarets. Many of the affected communities, such as Harrietsfield, Herring Cove, Williamswood, Sambro, Portuguese Cove, and Ketch Harbour, have strong links to Halifax and Spryfield in particular. People who live in these communities typically work in Halifax, shop and access services in the city, and their children attend high school at JL Ilsley in Spryfield. Residents there consider themselves as part of the greater Halifax community.

Furthermore, these communities are very disconnected from the major population centres of the South Shore–St Margarets electoral district. Route 349 (Old Sambro Rd) and 306 (Herring Cove Rd and Ketch Harbour Rd), which run through the communities in question and are colloquially called the Sambro Loop, do not connect directly with Route 333 (Prospect Rd) or Highway 103. Residents would in fact have to travel through the Halifax electoral district in order to visit the South Shore–St Margarets constituency office in Bridgewater—a drive which could take upwards of one hour and twenty minutes without traffic. Constituents who might normally rely on public transit would be even worse off.

The geographical disconnect between the communities on the Sambro Loop and the rest of the proposed South Shore–St Margarets electoral district would result in less effective representation for the communities on the Sambro Loop. A Member of Parliament, despite all the best intentions, would simply be less inclined to visit the area due to the travel time. Additionally, the communities of Spryfield and the Sambro Loop are represented by a single Councillor on the Regional Council and a single Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the Nova Scotia Legislature. Given that cooperation between the orders of government is so important in the Canadian federation, fragmenting these constituencies at the federal level would confuse and complicate community advocacy, eroding their sense of effective representation.

Of course, the challenge for the Commission is to create electoral districts that do not deviate considerably from the Electoral Quotient of 88,126. This can be accomplished by shifting some of the neighbourhoods that currently border the Halifax West electoral district into Halifax West. For example, the neighbourhoods surrounding the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, Fairmount, and the neighbourhood surrounding the Mt Olivet Cemetery (see attached graphic). Were these neighbourhoods moved to Halifax West, while the Sambro Loop remained in Halifax, the Commission could maintain a population of roughly 97,000 for the Halifax electoral district, which is in line with the current proposal.

The advantage of this proposal is that the shift from the Halifax electoral district to Halifax West is much less drastic than the shift to South Shore–St Margarets; constituents would still be in a contiguous urban riding with relatively easy access to their representative.

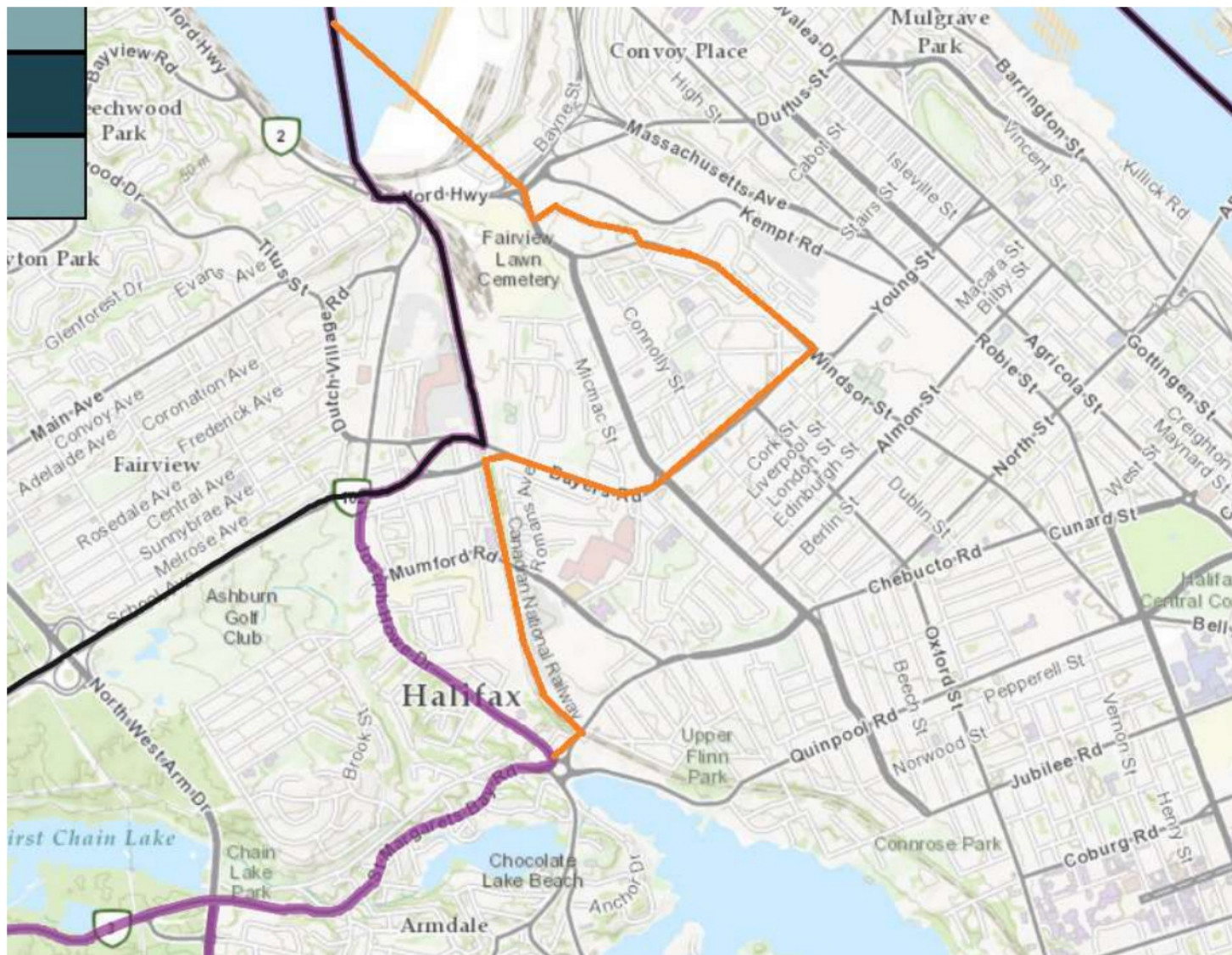
I hope that my comments and suggestions have been helpful. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Submission to Federal Boundary Review Commission Nova Scotia

June 28th 2022

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Introduction

Subsequent to our initial proposal (Appendix A)¹, presented 19(1) which maintained the 'letter of the law', it was advised that the variances were still too high, particularly in Halifax, to meet the 'spirit of the law'. Therefore our second submission (below), lowers those variances further while maintaining communities of interest and geographical coherence, as we describe below. We also propose the specific blocks of communities, as detailed on the website www.election-atlas.ca/ridingbuilder/rb.php?prov=12, for redistribution, in Appendix B.

Premises of Our Proposed 2022 Redistribution

Our proposed changes to the 2012 electoral district boundaries are based on the following premises:

- Population growth is very rapid in the four urban core electoral districts (EDs) of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM)² (population growth 2011-21, +13.44%) and in particular Halifax West and Halifax.
- Population growth in the seven EDs outside of the HRM urban core is stagnant (population growth 2011-21, -0.05%).
- If it is deemed to be socially, legally and/or technically inopportune to split the four HRM urban core EDs into five in 2022, the population growth imbalance will make the need to split them into five ridings, exceedingly obvious and inevitable by 2031.
- Regardless of any boundary changes in 2022, the imbalance in demographic change will require splitting the four HRM urban core EDs into five by 2031 (and consolidating the seven EDs outside of the HRM core into six).

Our Proposed 2022 Redistribution

We propose that, barring a split of the four HRM core EDs into five in 2022:

- as few changes as are legally required be made to three HRM core EDs (Halifax, Halifax West, Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook); and
- only the Kings – Hants ED be changed outside the HRM urban core.

Please refer to Appendix B for the list of proposed blocks for redistribution by riding.

Our proposed changes for 2022 will:

- restrict virtually all block movements among three HRM urban core EDs (Halifax, Halifax West, Sackville– Preston–Chezzetcook);
- move only two blocks (1222, 1719) from Halifax West to Kings-Hants;
- meet all legal requirements for redistribution;
- largely maintain the current communities of interest; and
- be easily untangled in 2031 so that the four HRM urban core EDs can be reconstituted and then split into five EDs.

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² Urban core ridings are: Halifax, Halifax-West, Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook

Results of Our Proposed Redistribution

Nova Scotia Electoral Districts Populations & Variances (2011 - 2021 Census, 2031 Estimate)										
Electoral District	Population & Variances, 2012 Boundaries (Pop. 2031 estimated)						Commission Proposed 2022 Boundaries		Our Proposed 2022 Boundaries	
	Pop '11	Pop '21	Pop Δ '11- 21	Var. '21	Pop '31*	Var. '31	Var. 2022	Var. 2031	Var. 2022	Var. 2031
Cape Breton-Canso	75,247	71,380	-5.1%	-19.0%	67,664	-27.5%	-3.6	-12.9%	-18.7%	-27.0%
Central Nova	74,597	73,188	-1.9%	-17.0%	71,949	-23.1%	3.5	-0.1%	-16.4%	-22.4%
Cumberland - Colchester	82,321	82,014	-0.4%	-6.9%	81,378	-12.5%	-6.9%	-11.7%	-6.9%	-12.2%
Dartmouth-Cole Harbour	91,212	96,165	5.4%	9.1%	100,965	8.6%	6.2%	6.6%	9.1%	8.9%
Halifax	92,643	107,010	15.5%	21.4%	113,474	32.4%	10.4%	21.3%	11.9%	22.4%
Halifax West	87,275	111,944	28.3%	27.0%	128,649	53.8%	3.2%	26.0%	14.3%	38.8%
Kings-Hants	83,306	87,744	5.3%	-0.4%	99,959	-1.0%	-0.8%	-0.6%	8.1%	7.9%
Sackville-Preston- Chezzetcook	85,583	89,524	4.6%	1.6%	105,065	0.3%	0.3%	-3.4%	14.4%	13.4%
South Shore-St. Margaret's	92,561	94,482	2.1%	7.2%	96,366	3.3%	3.6%	-11.7%	7.6%	4.0%
Sydney-Victoria	73,328	72,361	-1.3%	-17.9%	70,883	-23.5%	-17.9%	-22.9%	-18.2%	-23.5%
West Nova	83,654	83,571	-0.1%	-5.2%	83,150	-10.6%	2.1%	-2.9%	-5.2%	-10.3%
* Population growth rate assumed equal to 2011-21 growth rate. Variance based on estimated population.										

The table, above, compares the 2022 variances based on the Commission's proposal and our proposal:

- The ED variances in 2022 are comparable more or less between the two proposals, particularly in the core urban ridings, and Halifax in particular.
- By 2031 variances become unacceptable in either proposal.
 - Redistributing more population away from the four HRM urban core EDs in 2022 will significantly compromise the communities of interest in the EDs bordering the HRM urban core, nearly eliminating the coherence of their communities of interest and create a '*gordian knot*' to untangle by 2031.
 - The scale of redistributions from the four HRM urban core EDs to the seven EDs outside the HRM urban core will expand their geographies to near unmanageable sizes.

With our proposal, the 2031 variances can be easily brought into line by:

- simply re-attaching blocks 1222 and 1719 to Halifax West (which would reconstitute the four HRM urban core EDs);
- undertaking the inevitable split of the four HRM urban core EDs into five in 2031; and
- splitting the seven EDs outside the HRM urban core into six in 2031.

Conclusion

Our proposed redistribution takes major demographic shifts into consideration, is forward looking and maintains both the letter and the spirit of the law. It avoids very complicated redistributions in the near 10 years. The rapid population growth in the HRM urban core combined with population growth stagnation outside of the HRM core makes inevitable the splitting of the four (4) HRM urban core EDs into five (5) and consolidation of the seven (7) rural ridings into six (6).

Appendix A – Original Proposal – June 14 2022

**2011 - 2021 Census, 2031 Estimate
Nova Scotia Electoral Districts Populations (2012 boundaries)**

Electoral District	Pop '11	Pop '21	Pop Δ '11-21	Variance '21	Pop '31*	Variance '31
Cape Breton-Canso	75,247	71,380	-5.1%	-19.0%	67,712	-27.5%
Central Nova	74,597	73,188	-1.9%	-17.0%	71,806	-23.1%
Cumberland-Colchester	82,321	82,014	-0.4%	-6.9%	81,708	-12.5%
Dartmouth-Cole Harbour	91,212	96,165	5.4%	9.1%	101,387	8.6%
Halifax	92,643	107,010	15.5%	21.4%	123,605	32.4%
Halifax West	87,275	111,944	28.3%	27.0%	143,586	53.8%
Kings-Hants	83,306	87,744	5.3%	-0.4%	92,418	-1.0%
Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	85,583	89,524	4.6%	1.6%	93,646	0.3%
South Shore-St. Margaret's	92,561	94,482	2.1%	7.2%	96,443	3.3%
Sydney-Victoria	73,328	72,361	-1.3%	-17.9%	71,407	-23.5%
West Nova	83,654	83,571	-0.1%	-5.2%	83,488	-10.6%
* Growth rate assumed equal to 2011-21 growth rate.						

We recommend that the status quo be maintained among Nova Scotia ridings, with the exception of Halifax West, until 2031.³

Undertaking the proposed changes:

- will cause distortions/disruptions that will set up a dysfunctional rural-urban dynamic in most ridings, and
- will leave a community of interest mix that will be difficult to untangle in 2031 when the inevitable need to split the four Halifax Regional Municipality urban core ridings (Halifax, Halifax West, Dartmouth – Cole Harbour, Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook) into five and consolidate seven rural ridings into six occurs.⁴

The distortions/disruptions of the community of interest with respect to the proposed movement of the southern portion of the Halifax riding will be particularly severe.

Given the rapid growth of three of the four ridings in the urban core of the HRM the complex redistributions proposed:

- will increase the urban-rural divide among rural ridings adjacent to the HRM urban core ridings creating social and governance friction within and among communities of interest⁵ and
- will not forestall the inevitable need to split the three HRM urban core ridings into four and consolidate the current eight rural ridings into seven in the next 10 years.⁶

³ Given the variance in Halifax West law requires that it be reduced.

⁴ Should our recommendation be accepted to move only the northern portion of Halifax West to Kings – Hants and moving the Fairmount area from the Halifax riding to Halifax West it will be easy to untangle those changes in 2031.

⁵ When the urban core of Halifax County was merged with its rural areas to create the Halifax Regional Municipality what worked on paper created significant social and governance problems due to the physical distance between the urban and rural areas and major differences in the interests and needs of the rural and urban parts of the HRM.

⁶ For example:

- There is no direct road connection between portion of the Halifax riding suggested for addition to the South Shore – St.

We base our recommendation for maintaining the status quo among ridings, with the exception of Halifax West, on two observations:

1. Urbanization is increasing at an increasing rate; therefore carving off urban ridings to add to rural ridings reduces the rural nature of existing rural ridings and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.
 2. The 2011-21 growth rates of three HRM urban core ridings strongly suggest their population will grow by 16.2% by 2031, which also strongly suggests that splitting them into four ridings is inevitable by the next redistribution.
- The HRM was the 6th fastest growing of the 25 largest municipalities in Canada at 9.1%, 2016-21.
 - Maintaining the status quo for three of the four urban core HRM ridings (Halifax, Dartmouth – Cole Harbour, Sackville-Preston, Chezzetcook) would yield an average variance of less than 10% in 2021, which is virtually the same as 2011.
 - Splitting three of the four HRM urban core ridings into four in 2031 would result in an average variance of -1.3% versus, in the case of the proposed redistributions, 6.6% in 2021 and 17.0% in 2031.⁷
 - ❖ Maintaining the status quo among Halifax and Dartmouth – Cole Harbour HRM urban core ridings until 2031 would leave the core of the HRM somewhat underrepresented⁸ but this might be preferable to:
 - diluting the rural nature of existing rural ridings by adding on larger and larger pieces of urban ridings, and
 - creating disturbances among communities of interest while still facing the need to split the three HRM urban core ridings into four in 2031.
 - Maintaining the status quo of seven rural ridings until 2031 will preserve the current cohesion of their communities of interest.
 - The status quo among rural ridings results in a small increase in average variance to -7.2% in 2021 versus -2.9% in 2011.
 - ❖ The proposed redistribution to and among rural ridings results in an average variance of about -2.5%, in 2021 versus -2.9% in 2011, a small balance change for a lot of disturbance.
 - ❖ To sustain the rural nature of the current eight rural ridings they can be consolidated into seven in 2031, resulting in an average variance of 0.8%.

Margaret's riding. Travel time from the South Shore – St. Margaret's constituency office in Bridgewater is 1 hr. 20 min. to Sambro and 1 hr. 10 min. to Herring Cove.

- Residents of the portion of the Halifax riding suggested for addition to South Shore – St. Margaret's work in former cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and to some extent former town of Bedford.
- 3.1 times fewer workers (in raw data and percentage terms) travel from the HRM to South Shore – St. Margaret's than from South Shore – St. Margaret's to the HRM.
- All grade and high school students go to schools in the Halifax riding. High school students attend high school near the core of the Halifax riding.
 - ❖ That is, the portion of the Halifax riding proposed for addition to South Shore – St. Margaret's has weaker community ties to South Shore – St. Margaret's than South Shore – St. Margaret's has to the HRM. Therefore, splitting off a portion of the Halifax riding to add to South Shore – St. Margaret's will weaken the community ties of those split off and will dilute the current community of interest in South Shore – St. Margaret's.

⁷ Splitting the three HRM urban core ridings into four in 2022 would result in an average variance of -10.6%. Such a change at this time would cause a virtually untenable swing in average variance of almost 30 percentage points compared to the status quo and major disruptions to existing rural ridings. In terms of social peace it is likely more advisable to wait for demographic trends to clarify and make more obvious the need for major changes.

⁸ The temporary underrepresentation of core urban dwellers will be somewhat offset by urbanization and ex-urbanization flows into the areas of South Shore – St. Margaret's, Kings – Hants and Sackville--Preston—Chezzetcook ridings that are closest to the three HRM urban core ridings.

Appendix B – Proposed ‘Blocks’ to be Redistributed

Proposed Redistribution by Riding and by Block			
From:	To:	Block #	Block Area or Boundaries (noted where possible)
Halifax	Halifax West	469	Bayers Rd/Mumford Rd area
Halifax	Halifax West	548	St. John's Cemetary, Connaught Ave, Bayers Rd
Halifax	Halifax West	474	Bayers Rd, Joseph Howe Dr, Chebucto Rd
Halifax	Halifax West	976	Joseph Howe Dr, St. Margaret's Bay Rd, Hwy 102/Ashburn Golf Club
Halifax West	Kings-Hants	1222	Energy Rd, Hwy 101
Halifax West	Kings-Hants	1719	Hwy 101, Tamohawk Lake area
Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	Kings-Hants	149	Beaver Bank Rd
Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	Kings-Hants	302	Grand Lake area
Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	Kings-Hants	1670	Wellington area
Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	Kings-Hants	504	Springfield Lake
Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	Kings-Hants	697	Oakville Woods
Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	Kings-Hants	806	Upper Sackville, Sackville Dr
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	379	Indigo Shores area
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	657	Lucasville area
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	632	Lucasville Rd
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	629	Hwy 101, Beaverbank Rd
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	470	Oakmount, Sunnysdale
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	793	Admirals Cove
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	483	High St, Dewolfe Park
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	602	Sunnyside, Shoreview, Nothingham
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	480	Basinview Dr, Roy Crescent
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	486	Bedford Village
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	525	Sandy Lake
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	645	Lucasville Rd, Savoy Rd
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	610	Kingswood North
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	696	Maplewood, Beaver Lake Park
Halifax West	Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook	820	While Hills Village

June 28, 2022

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Dear Ms. Moulaison:

I want to thank the Commission members for their work in undertaking this important task on behalf of Nova Scotians, this is never easy work and never leaves everyone happy with the outcome. I have never publicly voiced an opinion on re-districting in the past but feel compelled to indicate my thoughts on the potential changes. ¹⁹⁽¹⁾

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My first point is relative to the idea of keeping the number of electors as equal as possible over the NS districts. While that has logic attached to it, I think it less important than the concept of “communities of interest” as the primary issue. In our Federal Parliament we have Provinces with constituencies that consist of populations as low as 40,000 in PEI and electoral districts in Ontario (14 million people/124 seats) where the average would be in the range of 117,000 and assumedly some constituencies with a much larger population than that. There are valid reasons in both cases, but it highlights that population equality among seats is not paramount.

While I won't speak to all the proposed new districts, I do want to express my disappointment with how a significant part of what is sometimes referred to as the old City of Dartmouth is carved up. According to the proposal a significant piece of Dartmouth would be carved away from the current riding boundaries and allocated to the proposed new district of Shubenacadie-Bedford Basin. At no time since Confederation would Dartmouth have been split up, at least as far as I can recall. The Dartmouth community has had several changes over the years, but the outline of the city has always been incorporated into the constituency. From 1968-1984 it was called Dartmouth-Halifax East. From 1988-2004 it was called Dartmouth and since 2004 it has been Dartmouth-Cole Harbour. Whatever the name, Dartmouth as a community was always included in the constituency. ¹⁹⁽¹⁾

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homogeneous in their lives. In fact, I think differences make for better representation, Dartmouth is comprised of communities that represent many different people, backgrounds, and other distinctions. This is good and I know from my days on the campaign trail how different people view politics and governance, it's a good thing. But so many are very cognizant of being from Dartmouth and absolutely share a common pride in their community.

I wish you well in your work, it is challenging, and you will be wrong in the eyes of many regardless of your decisions. I have no doubt that you are acting with integrity and with the future of our Province in mind. I feel strongly about the issue I have raised, but certainly do not doubt your conviction.

Sincerely,

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**REFERENCE: FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION 2022
NOVA SCOTIA COMMISSION
HALIFAX WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT**

General

The observations are centered upon the proposed boundaries of Electoral Districts Halifax West and Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin.

I would first like to thank the Commission for taking on this difficult task. I would suggest that communities' historical context, demographic distinctiveness and local economical synergies lead the deliberations vice raw population facts and geographical limits.

Comments

The Commission is proposing the current district be split into two parts, the southern portion remain as Halifax West and the northern portion be integrated in the new district of Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin.

The proposed district boundaries contain significant areas of low-density rural living with significant areas of higher density urban living. This combination of mixed land use may provide conflict within these new districts as these areas continue to grow and develop. Rural communities have different needs and requirements than urban centres, therefore, organizing similar communities within the same electoral district will allow citizens to work together for common interests and goals.

The proposed boundaries divide existing communities, i.e., Bedford, Hammonds Plains, Timberlea, Lakeside, and Beechville. A case in point, Bedford shares more in common with the communities located south along the Bedford Basin, e.g., Mill Cove, Princess Lodge and Rockingham, than the communities north along the Sackville River. These communities share a history dating back to 1780's and are more urban when compared to the regions north and west.

Therefore, it is suggested that any proposed amendments to the boundaries should endeavour to maintain established communities to preserve strong community bonds.

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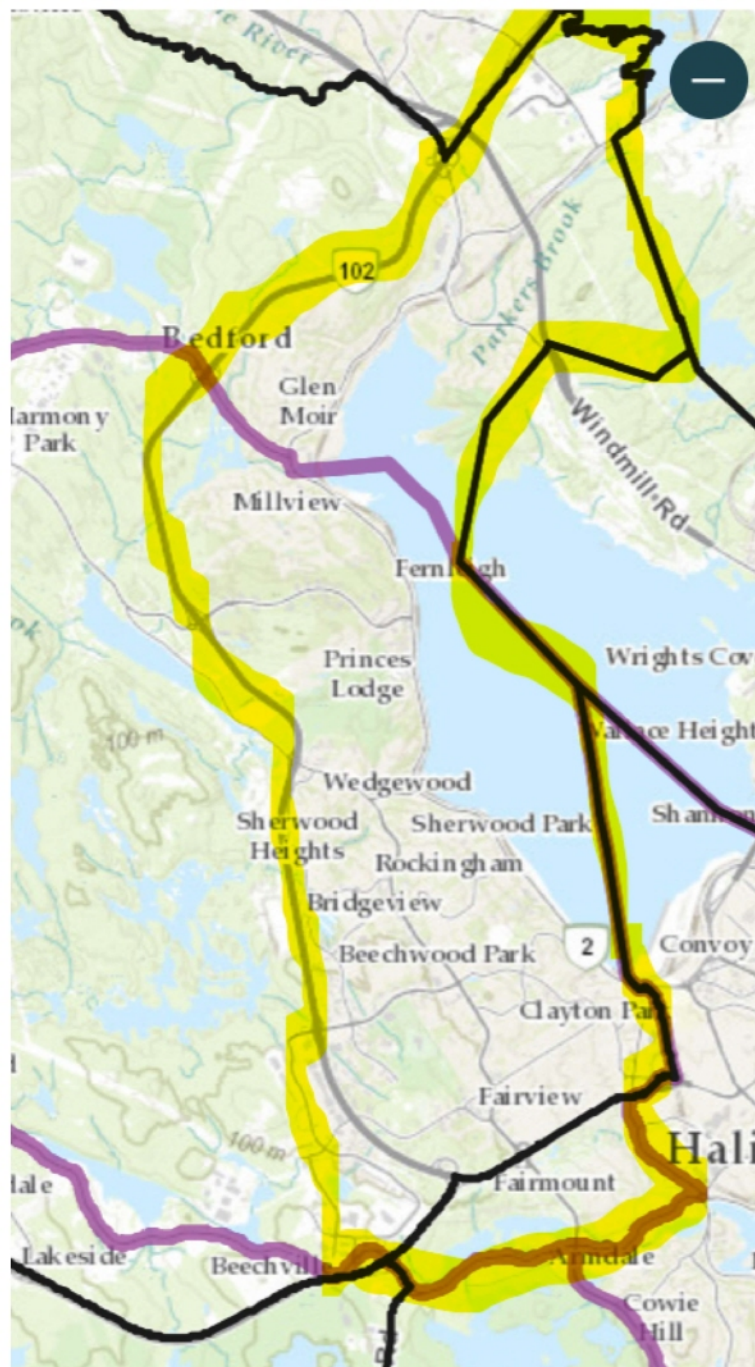
Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Halifax West Electoral District be apportioned east west vice north south.

The recommended Halifax West district boundaries (highlighted in yellow on the map) are:

- Start at Intersection of Highway 3, Highway 103, and Lakelands Blvd
- Then to the south end of Horselake Drive
- Then to the west end of Washmill Lake Drive
- Then to northwest corner of Bayers Lake Drive
- Then to intersection of Bayers Lake Drive and Highway 102
- Then follow Highway 102 to the intersection of Highway 102 and 103
- Then follow current district boundaries
- Follow current distinct boundaries of distinct to intersection of Joseph Howe Drive and Highway 102
- Following proposed boundaries of district to Intersection of Highway 3, Highway 103 and Lakelands Blvd.

Black: Current Boundaries
Purple: Proposed Boundaries
Yellow: Recommended: Boundaries



Further it is recommended that the district be renamed West Halifax Bedford.

The area west of the revised north south boundary would be apportioned to either to the proposed district of Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin or the proposed district of South Shore—St. Margaret's.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 28, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you today in relation to the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries for Nova Scotia that were published by the Commission on April 27, 2022. I appreciate the importance of your work, a requirement of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, R.S.C. 1985 ("the Act") to examine population change every ten years to maintain equity and balance between electoral districts. I also recognize that some change is required given the significant population growth in the urban Halifax region.

I have had the opportunity to review the proposed changes to the federal riding of Kings-Hants and I am writing to highlight a significant area of concern with the proposal. The riding is proposed to remain nearly the same with an extension of the western boundary to include the communities of Waterville and Berwick and surrounding areas in Kings County, and the removal of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford in Hants County.

The primary concern is the removal of the Hants County communities that are between Highway 102 and the Shubenacadie River and adding them to the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. These communities are inextricably tied to the rest of the Municipality of East Hants, including crucial community infrastructure (schools, fire halls, East Hants Sportsplex, community centres/legions) and a business community that is not divided by Highway 102. For the purposes of education and recreation, along with the natural connection of communities on a social and economic basis, the boundary has always been the Shubenacadie River.

The proposed changes would take these communities of interest that are central to the Municipality of East Hants and include them in a proposed riding where there is no natural connection whatsoever. Section 15 of the Act gives guidance to the Commission in the deliberation of its work. Specifically, paragraph 15(1)(b)(i) of the Act requires the Commission to consider:

- the community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province,

In examining "the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province" I have determined that since Confederation the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford have always been included with the rest of the Municipality of East Hants in their respective electoral boundaries at

the provincial or federal level. The communities within the Municipality of East Hants have at various times been included in a federal riding with connection to the Annapolis Valley (Annapolis Valley-Hants and Kings-Hants), but also Colchester County (Colchester-Hants), and Halifax (Halifax-East Hants). But, in every scenario, the communities of East Hants were never separated from the County of Hants. I submit that this historical precedent should carry significant consideration and that to maintain effective representation, these communities should remain within the federal riding of those communities they are inextricably tied to.

There is also a precedent from the 2019 Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission which could assist the Federal Commission in its deliberations on the proposed changes. Originally, the Nova Scotia Commission had proposed to remove the communities of Shubenacadie, Sipekne'katik First Nation and Milford from the electoral district of Hants East and include them with Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley. After reviewing substantial evidence from the communal stakeholders illustrating the deep connections between the communities, particularly with the remaining portion of the "Corridor" (Lantz, Elmsdale, Enfield), the final decision was to keep these communities within the electoral district Hants East.

I have spoken to a number of Council members and administrators at the Municipality of East Hants along with many community stakeholders and they have expressed serious concerns with the current proposal. Given the importance of the proposed changes and the detrimental impact it could have on the communities in question, I am requesting that the Commission add a public hearing in East Hants to its schedule.

While I will prepare a more formal submission to the Commission in the days ahead, I do wish to signal that I believe the communities in question could be returned to the proposed riding of Kings-Hants without jeopardizing effective representation. The population of the communities in question is approximately 8,052 residents, which assuming no other changes would put Kings-Hants at 95,796 residents, well within the +/- 25%. Alternatively, the Commission could examine returning the communities in Hants County and reduce the proposed extension on the western end of the riding to include a larger portion of Kings County. It is also important to note that when the western boundary was adjusted to shift a portion of Kings County to the federal riding of West Nova that the change conformed to the provincial electoral boundaries: Kings West was added to West Nova and Kings North and Kings South remained in Kings-Hants. This current federal proposal with regard to Kings County is quite arbitrary and doesn't follow a logical geographic boundary.

I hope this submission will be helpful to you in your capacity as Commissioners and will be considered for the benefit of those citizens impacted by the Commission's proposal.

Yours truly,

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June 28, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

I am providing this submission to contribute to your important work in determining Nova Scotia's Electoral Districts under the Federal Redistribution Act (the "Act"). I have already written the Commission on April 29 to highlight my concern with the proposal to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford by redrawing the boundary of Kings-Hants along Highway 102 as opposed to the Shubenacadie River. This letter is meant to supplement those initial reflections, and the testimony you received in Truro on June 1st, to better articulate the jurisprudence and legislative provisions that I hope will be persuasive in reconsidering the proposal as it relates to East Hants.

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I must say the engagement, the awareness, and the disappointment in the initial drawing of the boundaries in the corridor of East Hants is palpable. The level of coordination and engagement from community has been impressive. I am confident you have heard plenty of testimony from the community members who through their own perspective have explained the interconnectedness of the communities in question.

Interconnectedness of the Communities

The reality is that the communities of East Hants, particularly in the "Corridor" are interconnected, with the Shubenacadie River serving as an important boundary encapsulating the communities of interest. The Commission should note that there is a marked difference in the orientation, connection, and ways in which communities organize themselves based on the Shubenacadie River. The river serves as the boundary between municipalities (HRM, East Hants, Colchester), and is also a determining factor in boundaries for school districts (Hants East Rural High, South Colchester Academy, Musquodobit Rural High School, and Lockview), and in some cases recreational participation in organized sport.

Historically, the Shubenacadie River was an important boundary and geographical marker for the Mi'kmaq, prior to and after European colonization. The river was used to delineate the interests of traditional hunting and fishing grounds between indigenous communities. This historical reality

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played a role in the formation of Hants County based on the Shubenacadie River. Simply put, the social, economic, recreational, and historical connection of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford is organized along the municipal boundary and tied to the remaining communities within the Municipality.

The Corridor of East Hants is a central “heart” of the Municipality of East Hants, and includes crucial communal infrastructure, civil society organizations, and key portion of the residential base of the municipality. It is my hope that the aforementioned points are explicitly clear for the Commission on the basis of real-life examples from testimony and submissions received to date.

Jurisprudence and Legislative Provisions of the Act

The leading case which is often cited is *Reference re Prov. Electoral Boundaries (Sask.)*, [1991] 2 SCR 158, which has enshrined the principles in which Electoral Boundary Commissions are required to follow. The Supreme Court made clear that there is discretion available to Commissions to take factors such as geography, community history, and community interests into consideration. While there is a desire to maintain parity of voters between electoral districts, deviation in the number of electors is justified under the Charter.

Justice McLachlin writing for the majority explained:

...Relative parity of voting power is a prime condition of effective representation. Deviations from absolute voter parity, however, may be justified on the grounds of practical impossibility or the provision of more effective representation. 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. Beyond this, dilution of one citizen's vote as compared with another's should not be countenanced.

The legislative provisions under the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, R.S.C. 1985 c. E-3 essentially codify some of the important legal principles in the Saskatchewan Reference case. Section 15, provides the “rules” that the Commission is bound to consider during its deliberations:

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:

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- (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.

• **Marginal note: 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.

Maintaining the “Corridor” of East Hants with the rest of the Municipality in Kings-Hants

There has been ample evidence provided to the Commission that there is a defined community of identity, in the “Corridor” of East Hants, which is inextricably tied to the rest of the Municipality of East Hants. While communities of interest/identity can include many different elements (i.e., economic, linguistic, historical) geographic communities of interest/identity are also important for the Commission to consider. Therefore, I would submit based on section 15(1)(b)(i) the Commission should reconsider its splitting of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford into the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

Additional arguments that the Commission needs to consider is that the Shubenacadie River has been used as a defining electoral boundary since Confederation. There has been no time since the beginning of Parliament that the Municipality of East Hants has not been represented together within a federal electoral district, nor has the boundary line been anything but the Shubenacadie River. This reality triggers S.15(1)(b)(i) concerning the *historical pattern of an electoral district within the province*.

The Agriculture and Forestry Community of Interest between Kings and Hants Counties

The Commission heard significant testimony, particularly at the public hearing in Truro, about the important community of interest of agriculture and forestry shared between Kings and Hants counties. The largest concentration of supply managed farms east of Quebec exists in Kings-Hants; there is also a significant number of horticulture and fruit growing farms along with almost the entirety of the wine sector in Nova Scotia, located in Hants County and Eastern Kings County.

The agriculture sector and the workers and families who are involved have significant clout in the political process and represent a major voting bloc that can be influential in the electoral process.

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The forestry sector has always been important to Hants County and binds together the Municipalities of East Hants and West Hants. While the ties of the forestry sector between Hants and Kings Counties are less pronounced than that of the agriculture sector, they are undoubtedly important. 19(1)

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Given the significant amount of time that the counties of Hants and Kings have been paired together electorally at the federal level, severing these ties would disrupt important communities of interest that the Commission should be cognizant of protecting according to the legislative provisions of the Act.

During the public hearing in Truro, the Commission asked what rearrangement may be necessary in the years ahead given the projected population growth in the Corridor of East Hants. First, it is important to note that the Commission is required to consider the census data for 2021 and not speculate nor make decisions on what future growth could entail. While future Commissions may have to consider ways to reorientate Hants County with other counties or localities (i.e., Colchester/Halifax etc.) as aforementioned the strong community of interest within the agriculture sector binding the two counties together cannot be easily overlooked when contemplating alternative arrangements.

Identifying Solutions and commentary elsewhere in the province

As it relates to Kings-Hants, I believe the Commission has two reasonable pathways it can consider. Both pathways should absolutely return the Corridor of East Hants to the proposed riding of Kings-Hants. The evidence, testimony, community engagement and legislative provisions should, I hope, be very instructive for the Commission in reconsidering its original proposal.

There are approximately 8,000 residents in the impacted communities of the Corridor of East Hants that should be returned to Kings-Hants. Therefore, the Commission should consider the following:

- **Maintain the extension on the western end of Kings-Hants while returning the Corridor**

As mentioned during the Commission's Truro hearing, the current boundaries of Kings-Hants are reasonable to serve, and the inclusion of the Corridor of East Hants along with the western extension would put the population at 95,000-96,000, well within the +/- 25% allowed under the statute. This, in my mind, would be a reasonable federal riding to serve, and the inclusion of communities in and around Berwick share agriculture interests and identity with the rest of eastern Kings County.

- **Eliminate the extension on the western end of Kings-Hants and have the boundary between Kings-Hants and Acadian Shores conform to the 2019 Provincial Boundary Review**

In previous federal electoral boundary reviews the Commission has used the provincial ridings of Kings South, Kings North, and Kings West to delineate the boundary between Kings-Hants and

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West Nova. If the Commission were to follow this historical precedent, which I do believe has merit, the current boundary would stay nearly the same with a slight adjustment of portions of Cambridge being allocated to Acadian Shores (West Nova). This would put Kings-Hants' relative population at between 86,000-87,000 very close to the electoral quotient.

- **The impact of moving Shelburne from South Shore-St. Margaret's**

From my vantage it appears as though the inclusion of Shelburne in the proposed riding of Acadian Shores forced the Commission to extend Kings-Hants further west, which may have precipitated the original decision to remove the Corridor of East Hants from Kings-Hants. Objectively, the communities of Shelburne County have a different historical, linguistic, and cultural dynamic than those of the French Shore. By returning Shelburne to South-Shore St. Margaret's, it then allows the proposed boundary of Acadian Shores to maintain or perhaps take in additional population on the eastern boundary of the riding.

- **Cape Breton and Eastern Nova Scotia**

With the growth of urban Halifax, a major area of focus for the Commission has to be Cape Breton and Eastern Nova Scotia. As mentioned, given Sydney-Victoria is currently proposed at approximately 72,000 electors, an argument can be made that Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston could also be reasonably served with that approximate population, especially given its size would be over 10,000 km². The Commission can and should focus on the four ridings of Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston, Sydney-Victoria, and Cape Breton-Antigonish on how to effectively distribute the population, with particular attention to the boundary of Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, and Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

- **The willingness for urban seats to have a higher number of electors than rural seats**

The Commission will have undoubtedly heard during the testimony that some would like to see five federal seats within the Halifax Regional Municipality. In doing so there would have to be a change in the way the population is distributed in Cape Breton. I am of the view that there can be seats that include HRM, but also counties outside of HRM (Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston, and South Shore-St. Margaret's), that ensure HRM is adequately represented without adding a 5th seat exclusive to HRM. However, the Commission does need to examine its willingness and comfort level in having urban seats in HRM (on average) be above the 88,000 electoral quotient.

Given the rurality of Nova Scotia, and the already quite large rural districts, effective representation for rural Nova Scotians may require urban districts which are above the electoral quotient. I submit that in this case, effective representation is not lost for HRM residents living in urban seats, and that the House of Commons has additional allotments under Member's Operating Budgets (MOB) for districts that are larger in population size. The Commission's view on this element, I believe, will have relevance in how the final proposal is drawn. As a rural MP, let me offer that in some cases, increasing yet further the geographical size of ridings undermines effective representation for those living in small towns and rural communities.

Conclusion

Thank you for your work. I hope my comments and perspective prove useful. As it relates to Kings-Hants, I believe there are two workable options I have outlined above. I understand that ultimately the option you may choose to consider will be dependent on decisions on “issues” identified in your proposal elsewhere. I have also included a “riding builder” link and excel document outlining potential options across the province for the Commission to consider. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to touch base on my cell phone 19(1) or by email at

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Yours Truly,

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May 25, 2022

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**Re: Town of Berwick: West Nova / Kings Hants Federal Electoral
Districts Redistribution.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input into the Federal Electoral
Districts Redistribution.

The Town of Berwick and area was always included in the federal riding of Kings-
Hants and its predecessors until 2003. We welcome the opportunity to rejoin that
riding as we have most in common with our local Annapolis Valley region that would
include health, recreation, education and commerce, among others.

We would strongly recommend that the Commission consider including the entirety
of Kings County in Kings-Hants as well. We appreciate the demographic factors that
the Commission has to consider in the redistribution, but that factor should not
unduly influence the creation of artificial boundaries that don't align with all other
considerations.

Regards,

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Town of Berwick

Comments on Federal Election Boundaries Proposal-

19(1) I see that comments were requested in writing by May 23; not possible for me and so I send along today, May 27, 2022.

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Our services have grown exponentially since we've lived here; why? Well; it is because so many more families have wanted the experience of "this country life". Our services have been able to grow as our tax base has grown. So many of our services are now "the standards" of communities on the move, communities growing in wealth. People expect lights along roads and subdivisions, fire services and emergency services, schools having adequate busing, recycling and solid waste disposal, snow removal, all to the standards that have taken years to develop within our communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford. We proudly have "quality" recreation services, Library services that are "top notch". I could go on; my point is: We expect "total quality management" and we get it in "community"; this community that has come from its people working hard to "grow it on". The key word here is "community" and we are that, make no mistake.

We have no connection to Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston save for the fact this is a community like ours is a community. Having the 102 Hwy as their guiding light; well; it's not our area's guiding light.

When I wrote of: our community "mind-set" as rural; I meant it in the purist sense. However, the Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston area is actually rural, in comparison. We have no common weather and weather management, recreation/school/library services are different, transportation and environmental services and management of these services are different. We are different communities. Doesn't make one of us "better" than the other; we are "different" than each other.

The structure of our neighbourhoods that follow the magnificent river ways, makes us "sensitive" to protect our neighbourhoods to the nth degree. We will speak strongly not to lose what we have gained as vibrant communities, growing in population. we are so desirable to people wanting to move here to grow families and or to retire into one of the many retirement villages sprouting up along the river. Along with population comes the tax dollars to grow standards further and this is a good thing. We are blessed to be sought after "for all the right reasons".

It is no unknown that large electoral districts tend to dissuade candidates from running in elections. There's cost of campaign, time commitment and the whole gamut that needs to be understood of the pulse of a larger district. Procedures become more complicated and what gets lost is often "grassroots knowledge" to help citizens make informed decisions, like this very decision on electoral districts size.

I do not wish our communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford to “float beyond the river” where so many citizens both now and before us have worked to build the vibrant and beautiful communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford; our identifiers/guiding lights.

As I began my letter I spoke to “that feeling we live rurally”; we know we are suburbia; nonetheless our hearts are with the river which keeps us close to the natural environment. Sure; we are high tech like communities all over NS, like Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston but ultimately, we are very different from that district and its connection to Hwy 102. We simply have different spirits, achieving our goals in different ways.

Do not be so quick to jump for the prize and see dollar signs in the fact that many citizens want to live with us along the river. We are vibrant; other communities can be vibrant too. Make it work! Do your jobs.

Sincerely, 19(1) May 27, 2022

To whom it may concern,

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I am writing to you to express my concerns surrounding the possibility of the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford being moved to the Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding.

To begin, the voter turnout of the Kings-Hants riding in the 2021 federal election was just over 63 percent. This fact should be taken into consideration during your deliberations. Voter turnouts within rural populations are usually smaller in comparison to urban areas. If these communities were to be placed into a different riding, it is likely that the percentage would grow even smaller. Many people within small communities cast their vote to local politicians who they are familiar with. Moreover, if the electoral boundaries were to change, people would be less inclined to go out and vote for someone that they don't know. Although many people are unfamiliar with their political representatives, the political culture within rural communities relies heavily on close knit relationships.

Not to mention, local politicians from these small communities are more likely to give these areas what they need in terms of funding and resources. A representative from a more urban area would most likely ignore the needs of small communities due to seeing them as not important due to their population size. Communities such as Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford have much different needs in comparison to other communities that would be included within the new riding. Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford have much more commonalities to communities included within the Kings-Hants riding due to them sharing similar community values such as the importance of small businesses and farming.

Overall, decisions regarding electoral boundaries should be up to the residents of these communities due to it concerning who they will vote for and due to the fact that it may even affect their livelihood. If a majority of the citizens within these communities oppose the decision to move these areas into a different riding and if you went through with the decision, then they would perhaps become even more inclined to not vote due to them feeling that their concerns are not being heard. It is common that residents of rural communities feel that their concerns are not being heard, and a decision that goes against their wishes would contribute not only to a lower voter turnout in rural areas, yet it would also contribute to tensions between urban and rural areas. I encourage the commission to make a decision that takes into consideration what is best for these communities.

Best,

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Hon. Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois (Chair)
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May 26, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

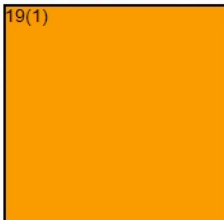
I am writing to you today on behalf of the Hants North Baseball Association, in relation to the proposed changes for the federal riding of the Kings-Hants area. The proposal includes removing Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and portions of Milford from the Kings-Hants riding and including them in the Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding.

Here at HNBA, we are against this proposal. The Kings-Hants area is a tight knit community, and we have always been that way. We have many kids who come from these areas, whether it be for sports, or an event for the whole community. It does not make sense to take these communities of interest that are central to the Municipality of East Hants, and include them in a riding where there is no deep-rooted connection.

In closing, these communities have been tied together since Confederation, and removing the selected places to another riding would be a set back for the Municipality of East Hants. Please take this into consideration when making a decision.

Sincerely,

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May 2, 2022

Ms. Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
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Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Dear Ms. Moulaison:

The District of the Municipality of East Hants is concerned over a recent proposal to change the boundaries of the federal electoral districts. According to the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 website, the East Hants communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and a portion of Milford would be removed from the federal riding of Kings-Hants and added to the new federal riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

One of the criteria the Commission must consider is *“the community of interest, community of identity or historical pattern of an electoral district in the province”*. East Hants Municipal Council believes that the Commission has failed to take “community of interest” into consideration as part of their proposal. Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford are an integral part of the Municipality of East Hants, which has traditionally been included with the federal riding of Kings-Hants. Within these communities there are 8,052 residents (6,361 electors) who have more in common with the residents of East Hants and federally Kings-Hants, than they do with the residents of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. Residents of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford use important services such as schools, health care, and recreation facilities all located in the Municipality of East Hants, which is located in the federal riding of Kings-Hants. Residents from these communities are very unlikely to use services in of the areas of Pictou, Eastern Shore or Preston. It is distressing that the Commission would miss the relationship that these electors have with the surrounding East Hants community, a “community of interest”.

East Hants Council also has concerns over the locations for the hearings. The proposed change will impact approximately 8,052 East Hants residents but no hearing is proposed to be located in the

affected area. Their options are to drive to Kentville, Truro or Lower Sackville which makes it difficult to hear a united voice from the community. Therefore, we recommend that an additional date be added to the hearing, to be scheduled in East Hants so that electors from the area have the ability to present their concerns in their community.

For further information on population and demographics for this area please contact 19(1)

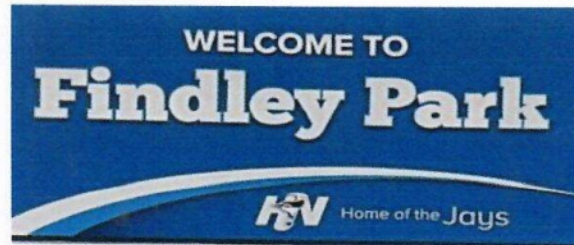
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I look forward to hearing that a new date for East Hants electors has been added to the hearing schedule.

Yours Sincerely,

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CC: Kody Blois, M.P.



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Here at HNRDA, we are against this proposal. The Kings-Hants area is a tight knit community, and we have always been that way. We have many kids who come from these areas, whether it be for sports, or an event for the whole community. It does not make sense to take these communities of interest that are central to the Municipality of East Hants, and include them in a riding where there is no deep-rooted connection.

In closing, these communities have been tied together since Confederation, and removing the selected places to another riding would be a set back for the Municipality of East Hants. Please take this into consideration when making a decision.

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Darlene Norman
Mayor, Region of Queens Municipality
Re: Proposed Federal Boundary

South Shore – St. Margarets

Dear Redistribution Commission,

Reviewing the electoral boundaries to reflect changes and movement in Canada's population is a logical and important aspect of democracy.

The proposed South Shore St. Margarets Bay constituency in terms of social and geographic factors is unbalanced. Replacing Shelburne County with population from communities close to Halifax such as Hammonds Plain and Tantallon has little equality except in numbers.

Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg counties have rural industries, small communities, forestry practices, agriculture activities, a wide variety of fishery licenses, etc. Currently the existing electoral boundary allows the commonality of the rural voice in relation to these matters.

Removing Shelburne will result in close to 50% of the voters in South Shore - St. Margarets living within the "Halifax connection area". Gone will be the rural voice and the more denser population areas will be heard.

Rural parts of our province need to stay strong and remain together. Dilution of the rural voice by adding a large number of urban thinkers to the electoral district will be the result of the proposed South Shore – St. Margarets electoral boundary. The South Shore riding requires Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg to remain intact.

Respectfully,

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Re: 2022 Electoral Boundaries Redistribution

Dear Commissioners,

I write to you today regarding the proposed re-alignment of the 11 federal electoral districts for Nova Scotia based on the 2021 decennial census, and in particular the new boundaries for the Halifax Electoral District.

First, I want to recognize the essential function the Commissions serve in our democracy, the importance of your work, and the difficulty inherent in balancing the interests of various communities while adhering to the requirements set out in the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*.

Given Nova Scotia's increased population over the past ten years, especially in and around Halifax, it's inevitable that some adjustments to our current electoral map are required. However, upon reviewing the proposed electoral districts of Halifax and Southshore-St Margarets, as well as hearing from some affected residents, I have a few concerns regarding the proposed changes.

A significant portion of the current Halifax electoral district south of Spryfield would go to South Shore–St Margarets. Many of the affected communities, such as Harrietsfield, Herring Cove, Williamswood, Sambro, Portuguese Cove, and Ketch Harbour, have strong links to Halifax and Spryfield in particular. People who live in these communities typically work in Halifax, shop and access services in the city, and their children attend high school at JL Ilsley in Spryfield. Residents there consider themselves as part of the greater Halifax community.

Furthermore, these communities are very disconnected from the major population centres of the South Shore–St Margarets electoral district. Route 349 (Old Sambro Rd) and 306 (Herring Cove Rd and Ketch Harbour Rd), which run through the communities in question and are colloquially called the Sambro Loop, do not connect directly with Route 333 (Prospect Rd) or Highway 103. Residents would in fact have to travel through the Halifax electoral district in order to visit the South Shore–St Margarets constituency office in Bridgewater—a drive which could take upwards of one hour and twenty minutes without traffic. Constituents who might normally rely on public transit would be even worse off.

The geographical disconnect between the communities on the Sambro Loop and the rest of the proposed South Shore–St Margarets electoral district would result in less effective representation for the communities on the Sambro Loop. A Member of Parliament, despite all the best intentions, would simply be less inclined to visit the area due to the travel time. Additionally, the communities of Spryfield and the Sambro Loop are represented by a single Councillor on the Regional Council and a single Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the Nova Scotia Legislature. Given that cooperation between the orders of government is so important in the Canadian federation, fragmenting these constituencies at the federal level would confuse and complicate community advocacy, eroding their sense of effective representation.

Of course, the challenge for the Commission is to create electoral districts that do not deviate considerably from the Electoral Quotient of 88,126. This can be accomplished by shifting some of the neighbourhoods that currently border the Halifax West electoral district into Halifax West. For example, the neighbourhoods surrounding the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, Fairmount, and the neighbourhood surrounding the Mt Olivet Cemetery (see attached graphic). Were these neighbourhoods moved to Halifax West, while the Sambro Loop remained in Halifax, the Commission could maintain a population of roughly 97,000 for the Halifax electoral district, which is in line with the current proposal.

The advantage of this proposal is that the shift from the Halifax electoral district to Halifax West is much less drastic than the shift to South Shore–St Margarets; constituents would still be in a contiguous urban riding with relatively easy access to their representative.

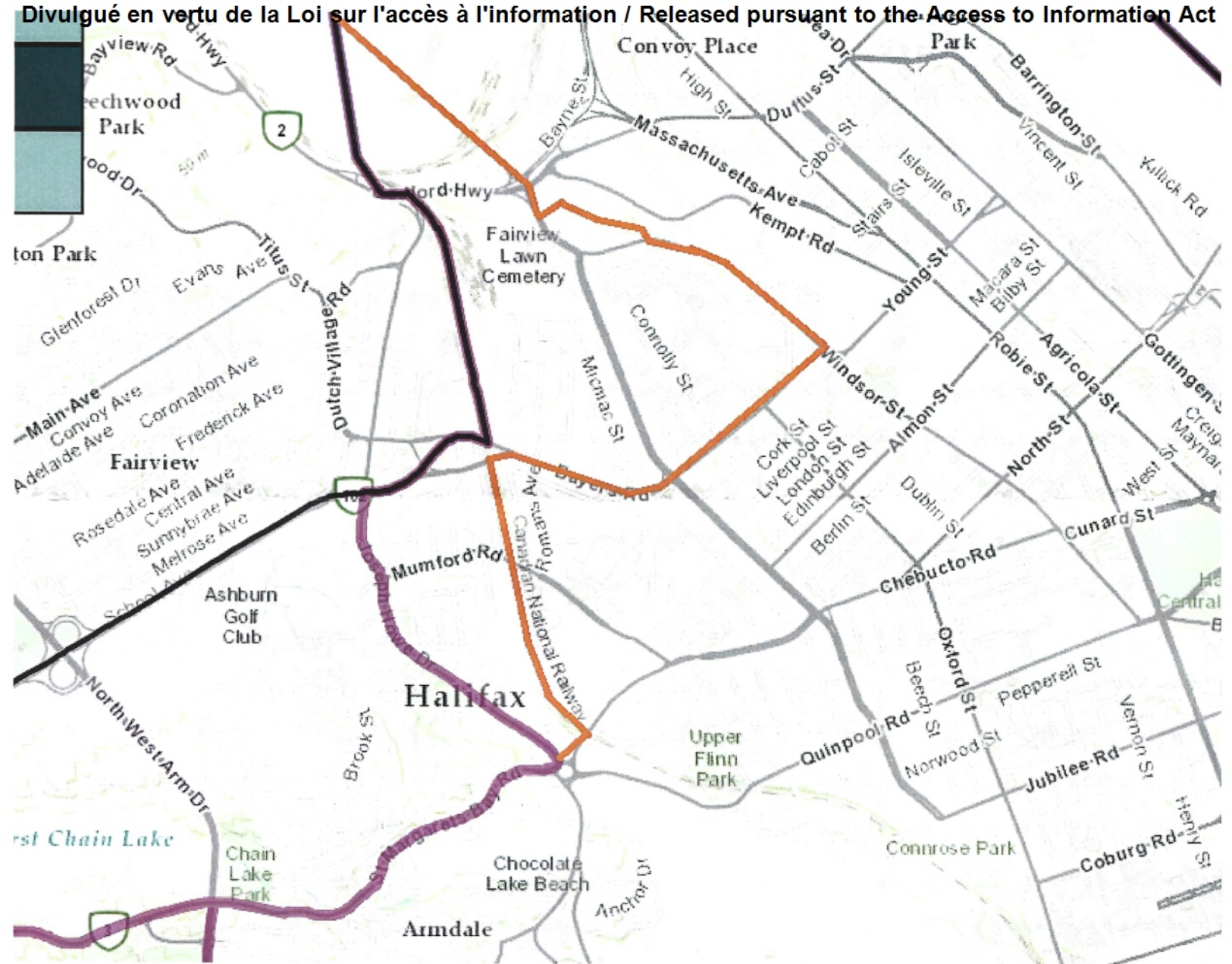
I hope that my comments and suggestions have been helpful. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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* My proposal is to move the area west of the orange line into Halifax West, and keep all of the Sembro loop communities within Halifax as they are today.

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
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02 May 2022

RE: Request for Additional Meeting

Dear Member's of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia,

Please accept this letter as a formal request to have an additional public hearing to gather comments and feedback on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names in Nova Scotia.

In particular, we would request that the additional meeting be held in Shelburne County, given that the Commission's initial proposal seeks to remove the entire county from South Shore—St. Margarets and reallocate it to a riding that stretches all the way into Kings County.

We have heard from many constituents who are concerned about moving Shelburne County out of the South Shore riding, noting that there is a historical and cultural connection that does not exist between Shelburne County and the Acadian Shore and Annapolis Valley.

For more than 40 years, residents in Shelburne County have elected a representative for a riding that encompasses the South Shore. Historically, Shelburne County, like Lunenburg and Queens counties, welcomed immigrants known as foreign protestants from continental Europe. Whereas Argyle, which begins at the current boundary between South Shore—St. Margarets and West Nova, welcomed Acadian settlers, giving that region the apt title of the Acadian Shore. Shelburne County's history lends itself closer to the South Shore as opposed to the Acadian Shore.

Culturally, the South Shore is recognized for its fishing industry and welcoming tourism spirit. Fishing communities dot the South Shore from Chester to Clark's Harbour, and this way of life has tied together Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg counties for generations. Conversely, Shelburne County shares few economic similarities with major communities in the newly proposed "Acadian Shore—Shelburne" riding. Towns like Middleton and Bridgetown, and their environs in the Annapolis Valley have economies based on agriculture. Additionally, the fishing economies of Clare, St. Mary's Bay, and Argyle are intertwined as similarly as those of Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg counties.

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Commissioners, we believe you will find that based on these reasons, along with evidence from impacted community members that will be submitted to you, that Shelburne County ought to have its voice heard at an in-person public hearing and that the concerns raised at such a meeting influence your final decision.

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May 16, 2022

RE: Public Hearing in Shelburne County

Dear Redistribution Commission,

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NS, I am writing you today to express concerns regarding the proposal to have Shelburne County separated from the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret's and incorporating it with West Nova, without a public hearing in the County that would be affected the most by this proposal.

For over fifty years, Shelburne County has been part of the constituency of South Shore-St. Margaret's, also known as the South Shore and we feel that it would be in everyone's best interests if a public hearing were to be held in Shelburne County.

Best Regards,

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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-04-28

Email:

RIM ID: 1651175843PCCIDOUKWE

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Shubenacadie is the name of a community in the proposed Kings-Hants riding and thus calling the district Shubenacadie-Bedford Basin, most likely in reference to the Shubenacadie Grand Lake, might be confusing to locals. Keeping Sackville in the name would also ensure continuity with the previous electoral district

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12009

Name to modify: Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin /
Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin

New name: Sackville—Bedford Basin /
Sackville—Bedford Basin

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-04-28

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Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Putting Sydney and Glace Bay together would make sense given that they share similar interests and would reduce the distance required for most constituents to reach their constituency offices. Removing the northern part of Inverness county would allow to keep the county whole and would permit to include it in Cape Breton-Antigonish. Furthermore, adding Glace Bay to this riding would bring the population closer to the average and reduce its underpopulation.

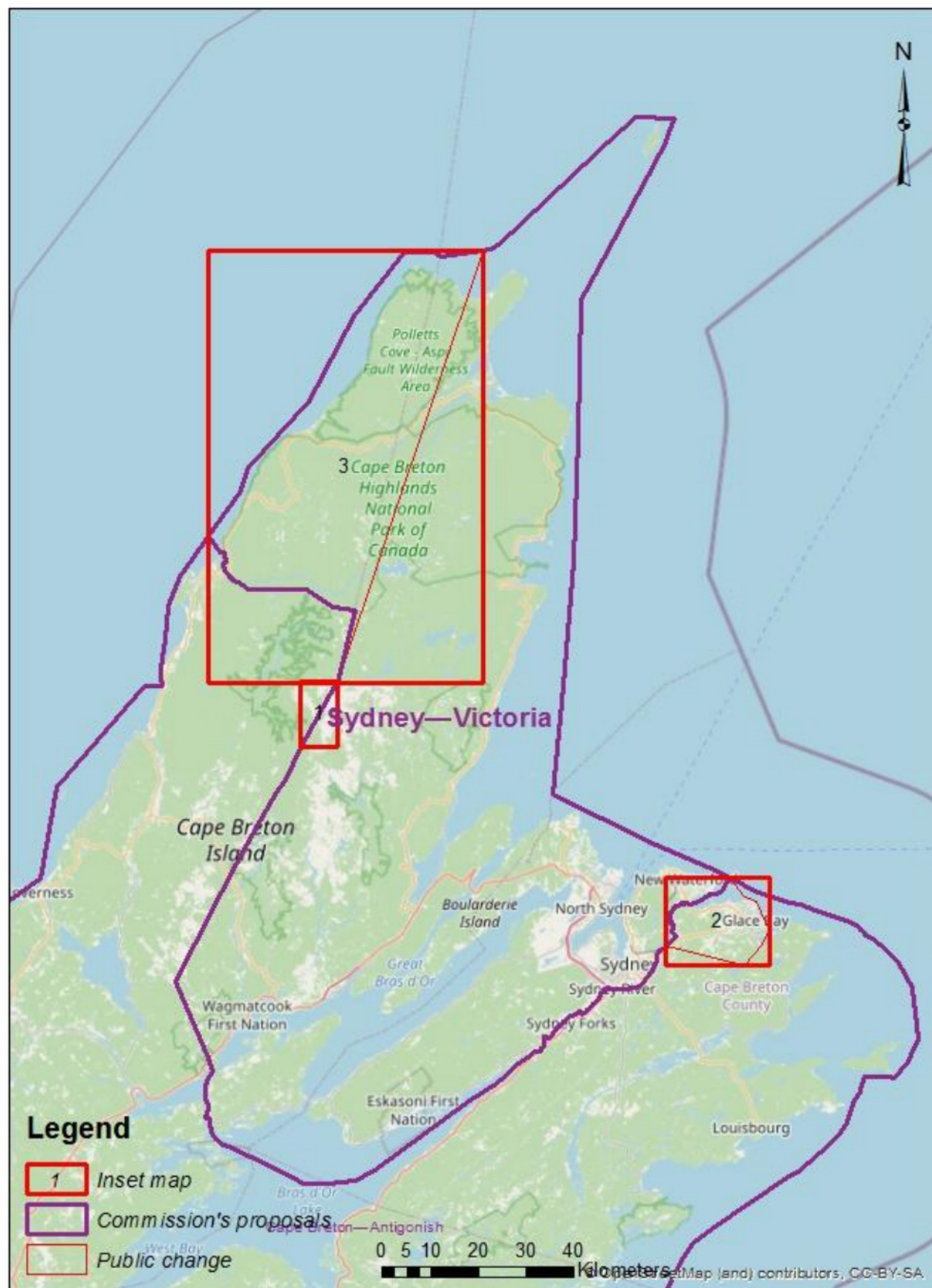
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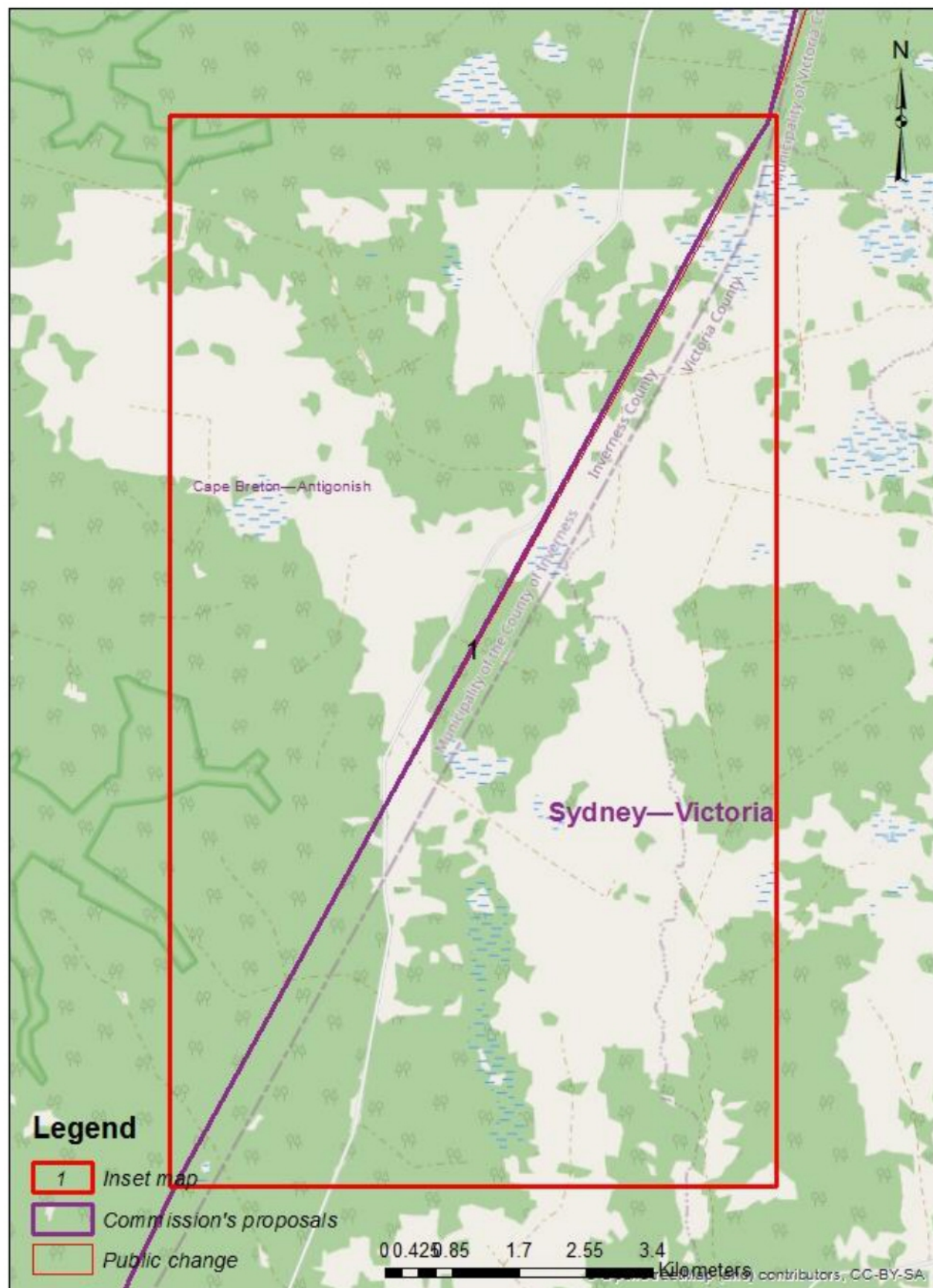
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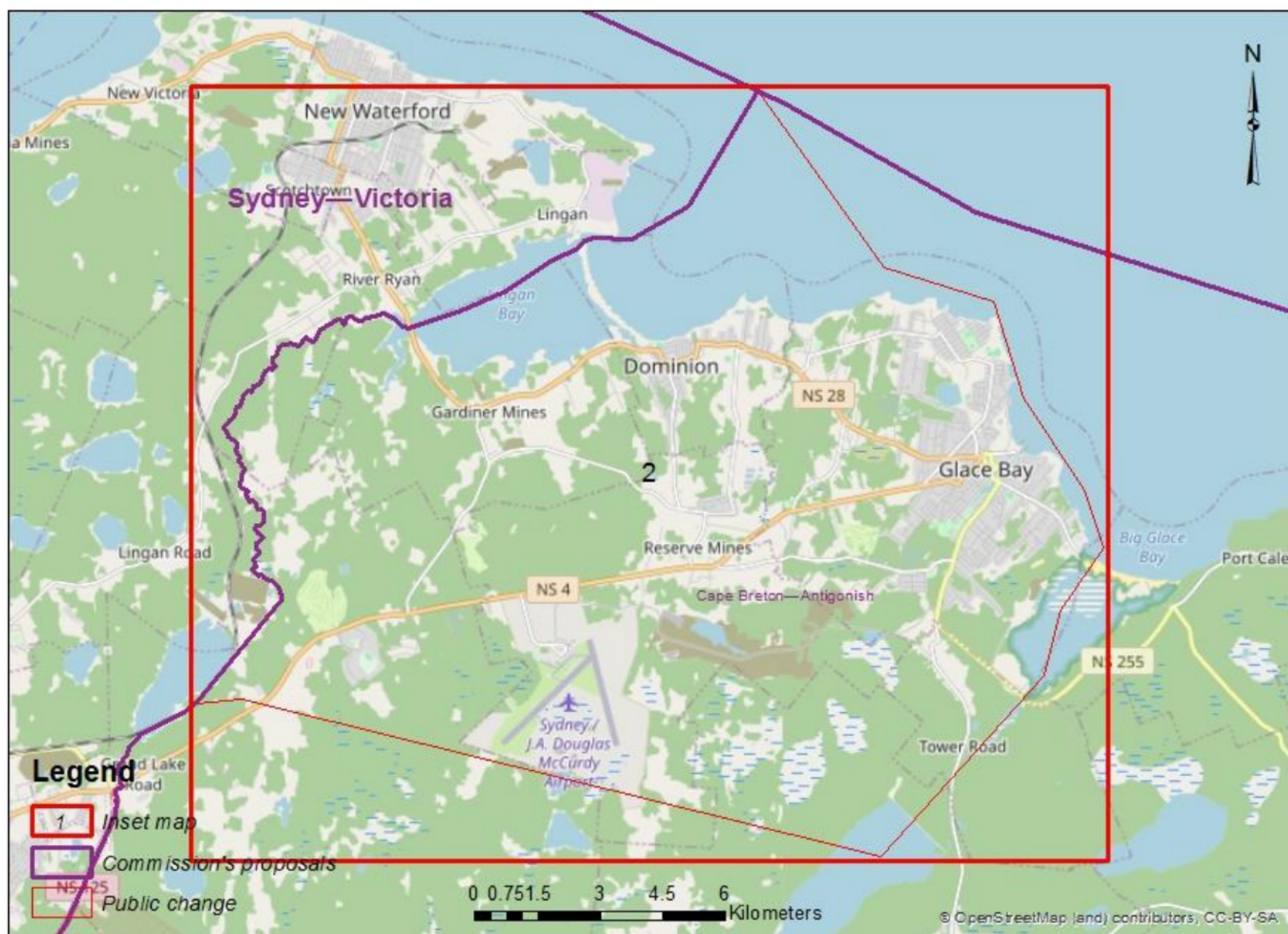
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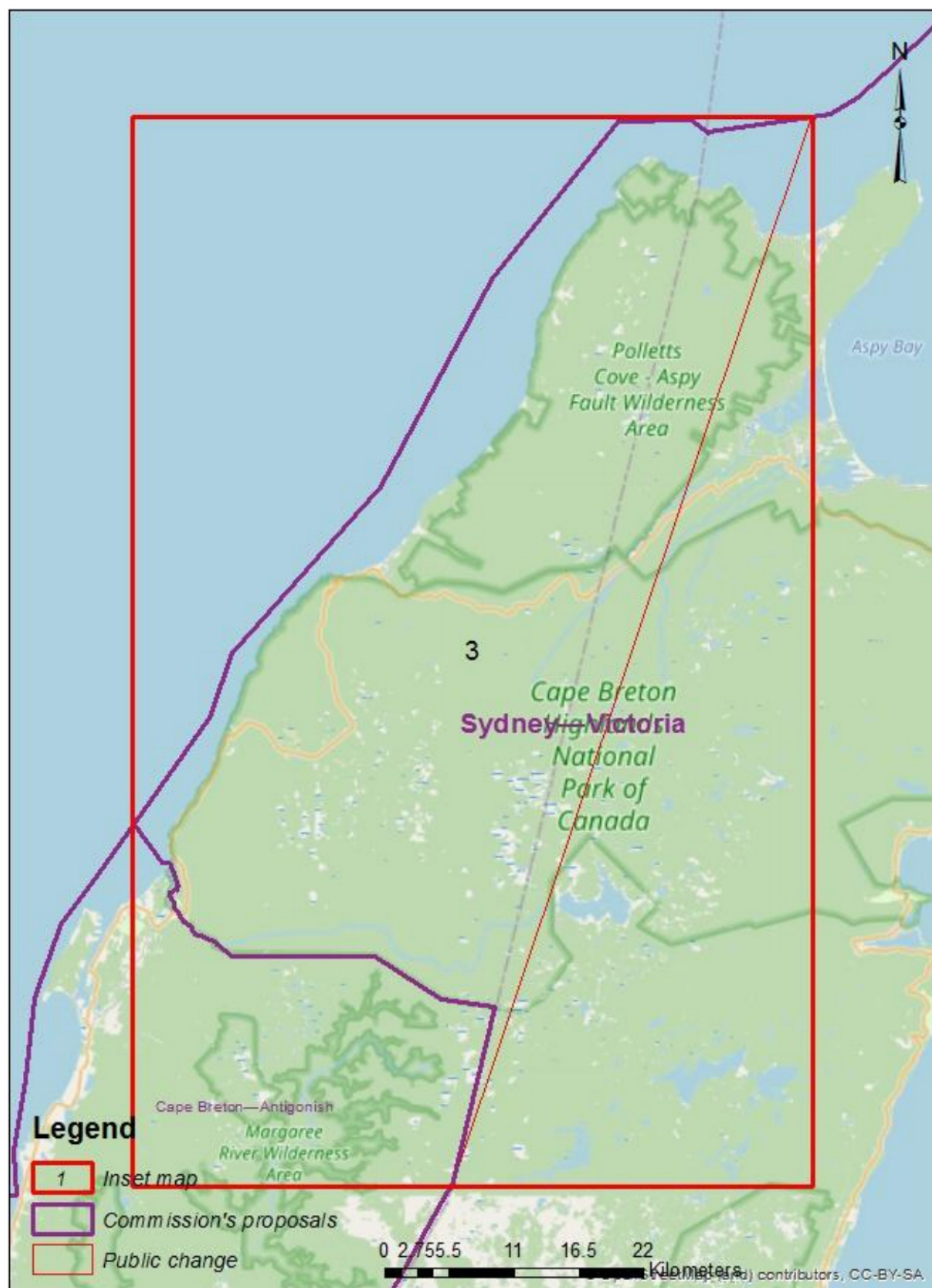
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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
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Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The "Corridor" has been called the fastest growing region in NS for the past 36 years. 19(1) Hants County, both East and West, has been represented as a whole by one Member of Parliament since Confederation. The "Corridor" has absolutely no relationship with either Pictou, Eastern Shore or Preston. Keeping East Hants in tack with the whole of Hants County, will ensure the identify created around this "Corridor" area and Hants County as a whole, in tack as well. Makes no sense to divide and break up what's working for the sake of numbers. I understand equity in representation, but there should also be connections among those being represented. The "Corridor" area has more in common with Windsor, Mount Uniacke and Kentville than with Pictou-Eastern Shore and Preston. As the fastest growing region in NS, in 10 years time, you'll be moving us again unnecessarily. By leaving Hants County in tack, our identity and spirit will remain in tack as well.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12008

Name to modify: Pictou—Eastern Shore—Preston /
Pictou—Eastern Shore—Preston

New name: Pictou—Eastern Shore—Preston /
Pictou—Eastern Shore—Preston

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

Email:

RIM ID: 1651860501DDEHAUXJCT

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

West Nova is the traditional name for this electoral district, dating back decades. The proposed Acadian Shore-Shelburne name omits the fact that this electoral district covers roughly half of the Annapolis Valley.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12001

Name to modify: Acadian Shore—Shelburne /
Rive-Acadienne—Shelburne

New name: West Nova /
Nova-Ouest

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

Email:

RIM ID: 1651860692CLHGVIGYAI

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

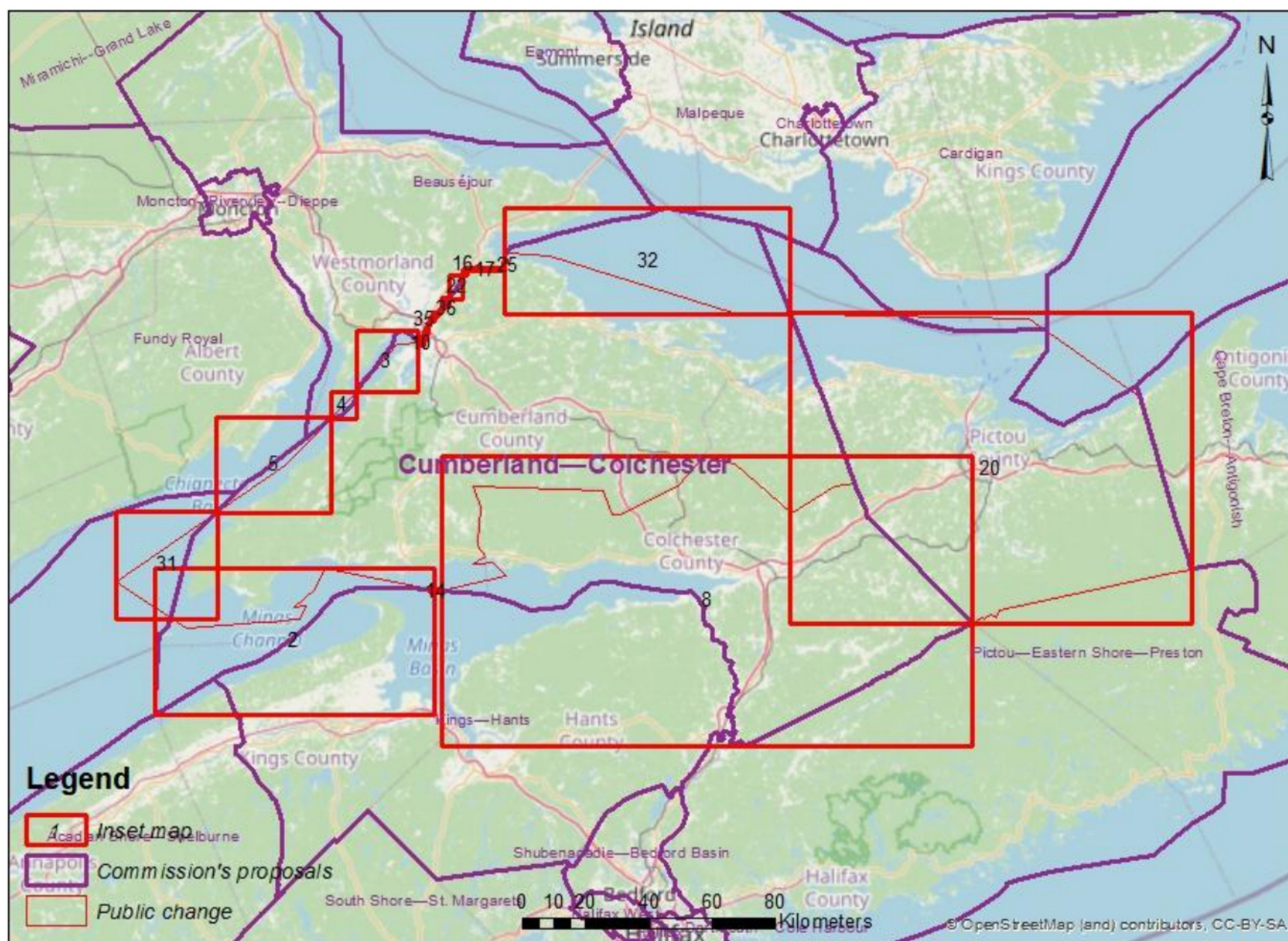
Combining Cumberland County, Pictou County, and the Northumberland shore of Colchester County. Community of interest - rural, Northumberland Straight coastline. Population should be roughly 77,524. Allows Truro and the rest of Colchester County (increasingly tied to Halifax) to be combined with the rural portion of Halifax County and the Eastern Shore, where there's a stronger community of interest. Reduces the need for an awkwardly shaped Pictou--Eastern Shore--Preston riding.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12003

Name to modify: Cumberland—Colchester /
Cumberland—Colchester

New name: North Nova /
Nova-Nord

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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

Email:

RIM ID: 1651861671EODTWXSZRJ

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Attaches Truro and southern Colchester County with rural Halifax County, better community of interest (commuter shed for HRM). Population should be around 88,124. Reduces need for awkward Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding. Removes Preston which should be attached to an urban-focused Halifax riding for better representation of the African Nova Scotian community rather than a sprawling rural riding.

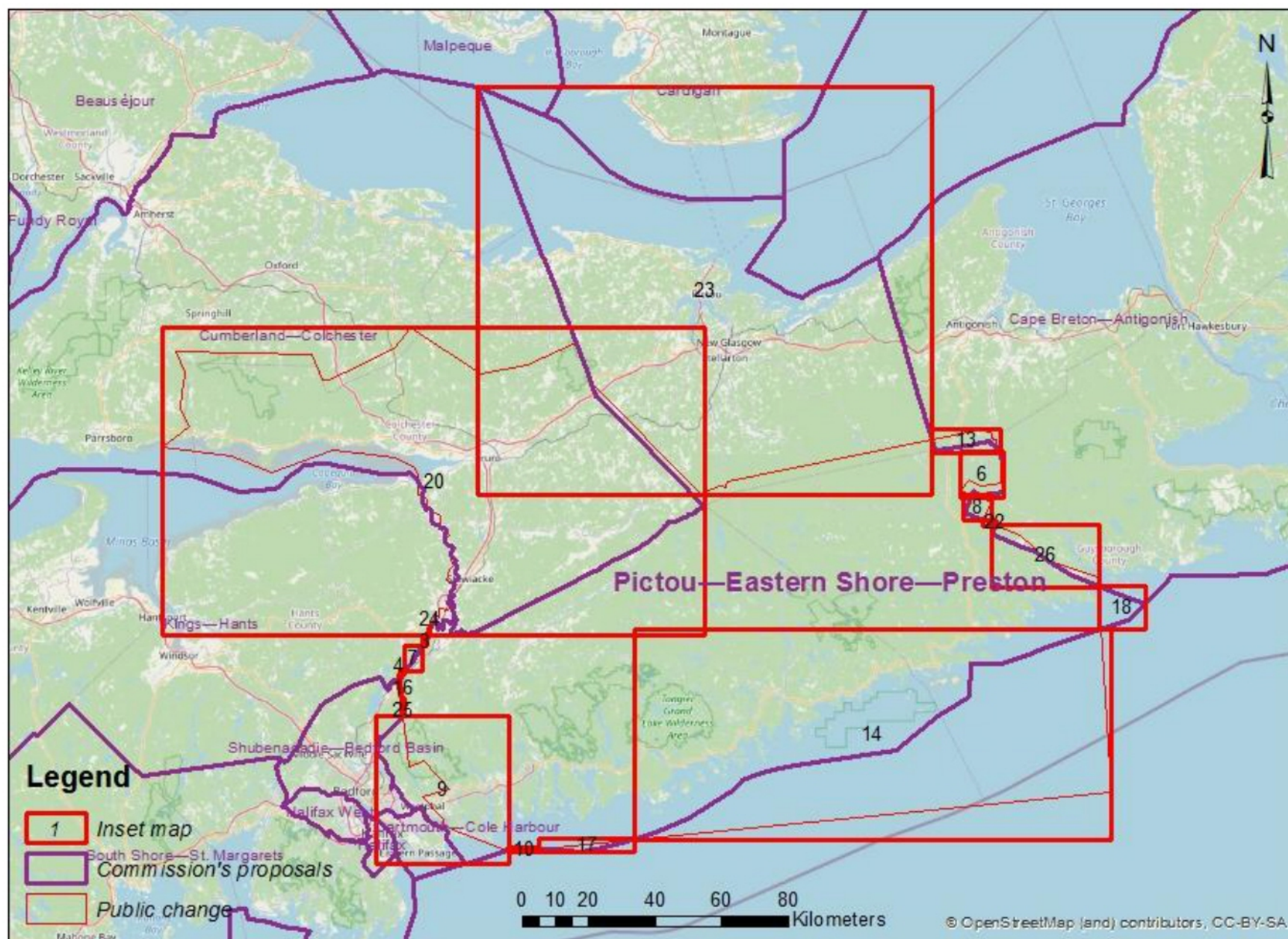
Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12008

Name to modify: Pictou—Eastern Shore—Preston /
Pictou—Eastern Shore—Preston

New name: Central Nova /
Central Nova

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for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

Email:

RIM ID: 1651862684PZOWQPAFXX

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Preston, with it's large African Nova Scotian community and connectedness to urban Halifax, should not be connected to a sprawling rural riding that reaches St. Mary's and Pictou. Instead attached it to this suburban Halifax riding. This should also be renamed - "Bedford Basin" is confusing as Halifax West contains a significant portion of communities along that body of water. Shubenacadie is confusing since, even though the riding contains portions of the old canal, the community of Shubenacadie is located outside of the riding. Instead, Bedford--Sackville--Preston would accurately describe this riding. Portion in the north, near Halifax Airport, can be added to the Truro-centred riding (redrawn and renamed Central Nova in my feedback) if needed to balance population.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12009

Name to modify: Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin /
Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin

New name: Bedford--Sackville--Preston /
Bedford--Sackville--Preston

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

Email:

RIM ID: 1651862983ZHHINLNVKV

Type of comments received:

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Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

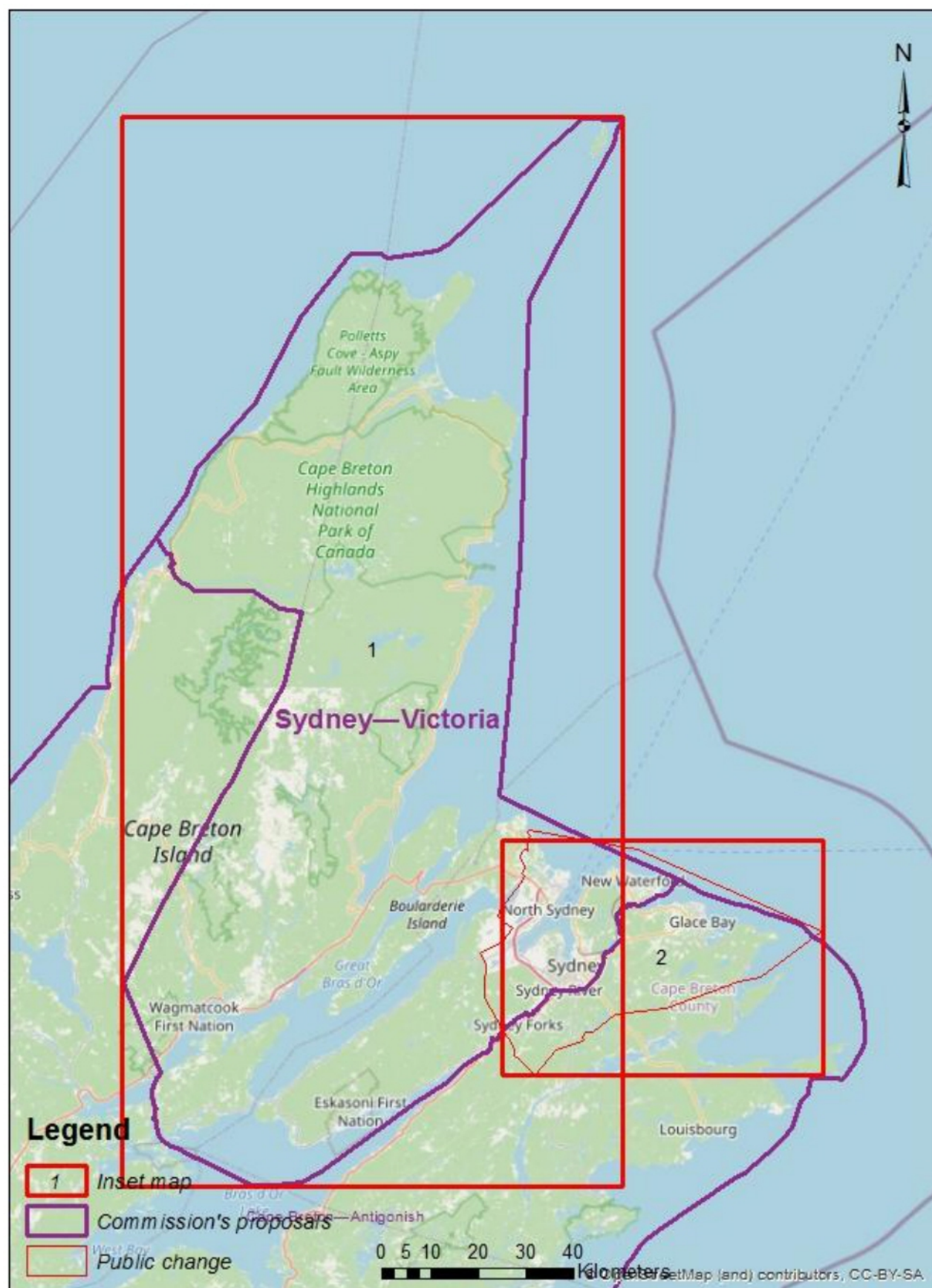
This will be slightly larger than the median population-wise... but it makes no sense in Cape Breton to have two "rur-ban" ridings, when Sydney--Glance Bay is one of the largest urban agglomerations in Atlantic Canada. This reunited urban, industrial Cape Breton into a compact riding that shares a community of interest - the economic rebirth of a major east coast urban centre.

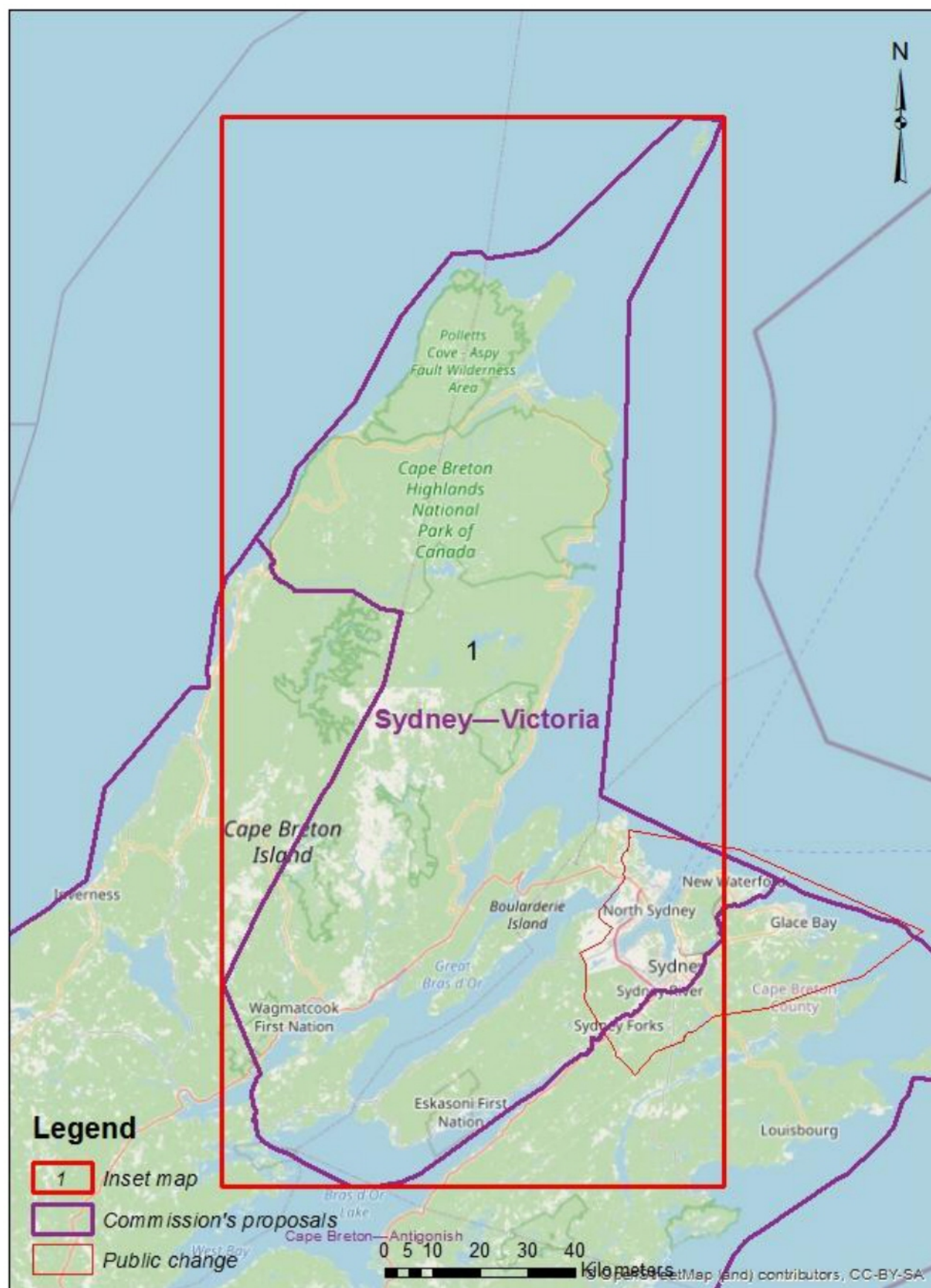
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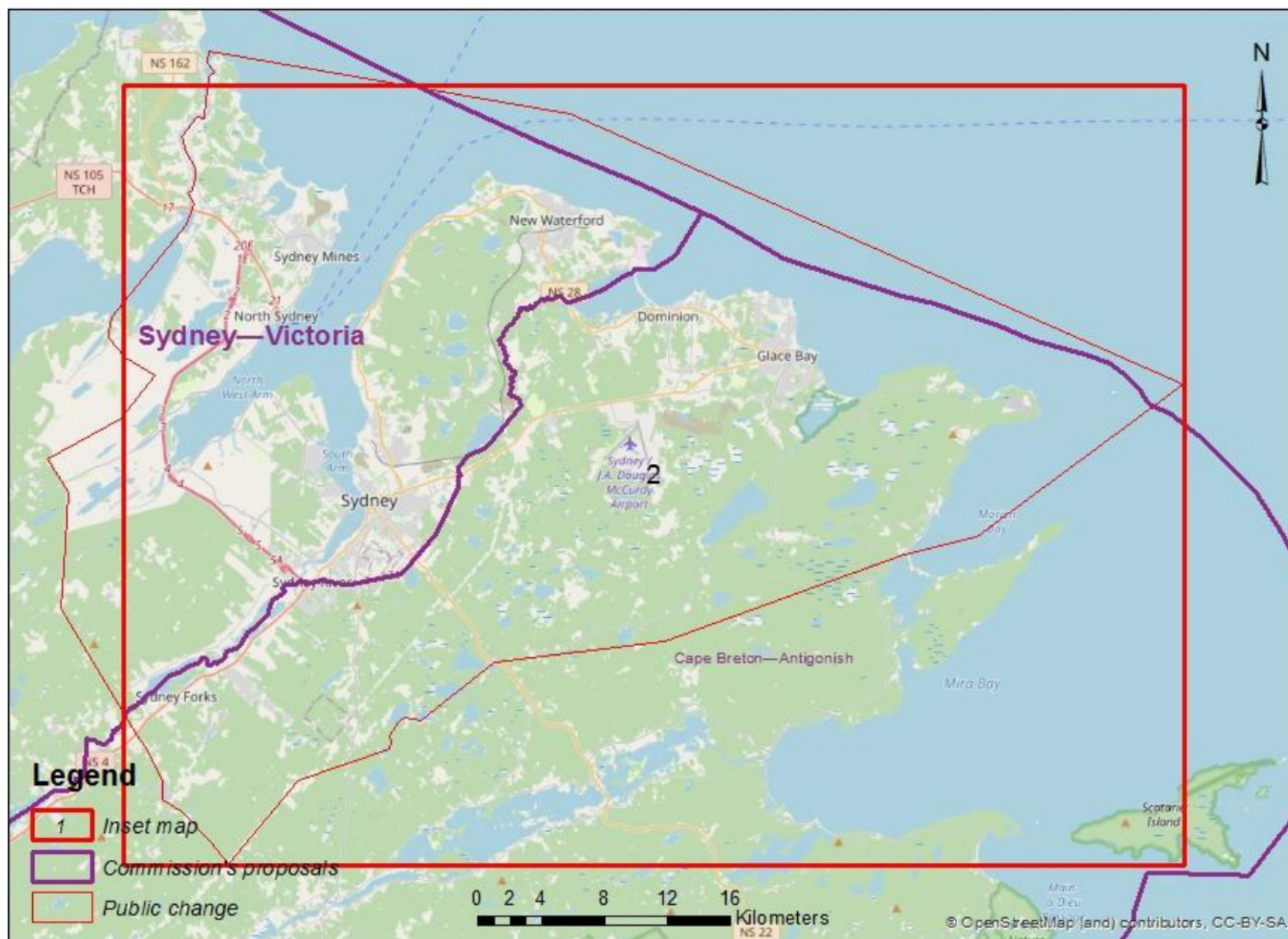
Name to modify: Sydney—Victoria /
Sydney—Victoria

New name: Sydney—Glance Bay /
Sydney—Glance Bay

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









Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Nova Scotia

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

Email:

RIM ID: 1651863345PYLCZMVJCD

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Instead of splitting Cape Breton into two "rur-ban" ridings, this connects rural, Gaelic Cape Breton (heavily focused on tourism) with the Gaelic region around Antigonish, as well as Canso, which is added to the name along with the two other constituent parts (Antigonish and Cape Breton Island).

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12002

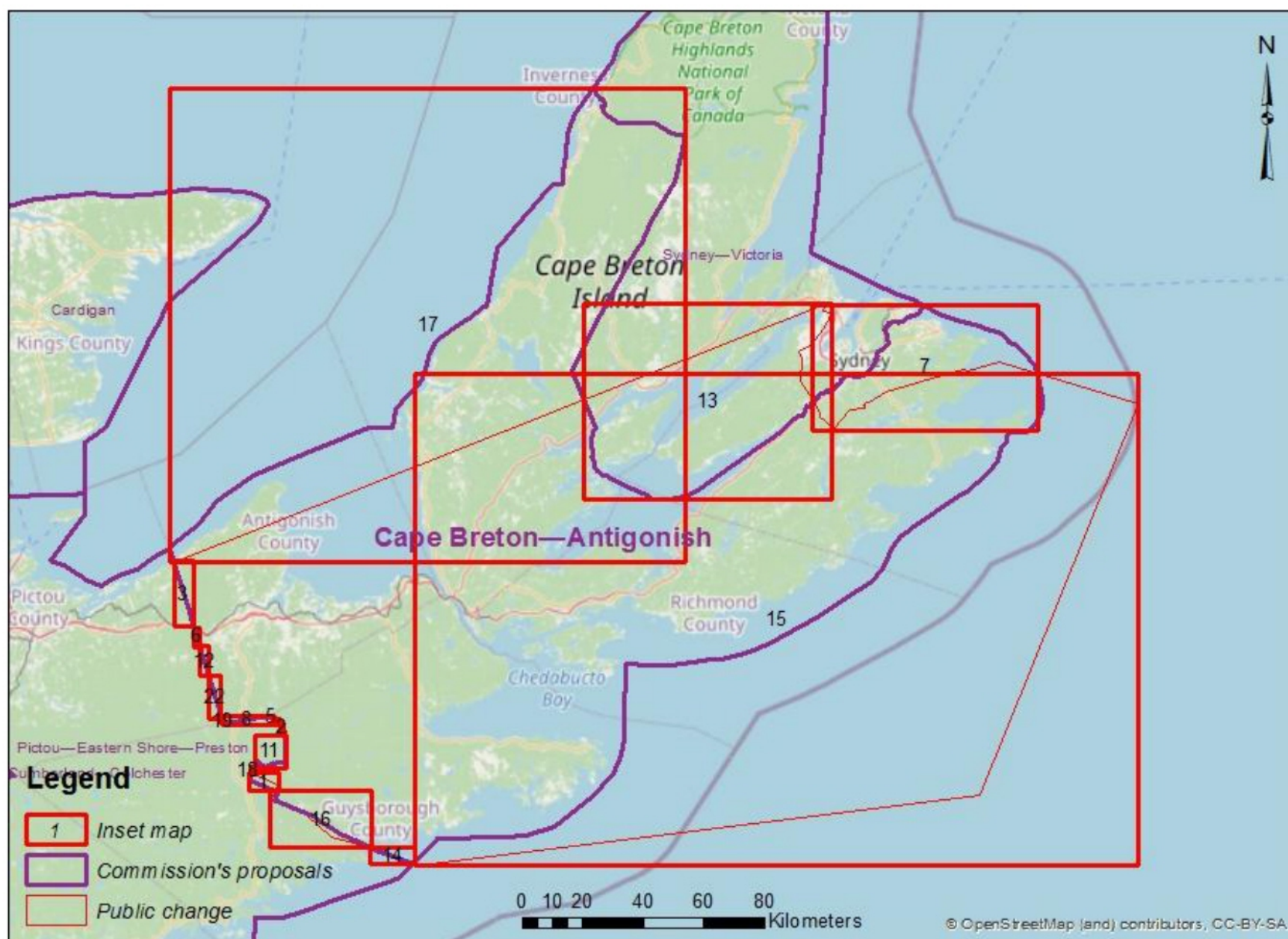
Name to modify: Cape Breton—Antigonish /
Cape Breton—Antigonish

New name: Cape Breton—Antigonish--Canso /
Cape Breton—Antigonish--Canso

Attachments:

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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-09

Email:

RIM ID: 1652123565GSOGYOAXIX

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Please leave the current boundaries as they are. The areas that are being redistributed are not Bedford Sackville and the interests of the people in this area have always identified with Dartmouth- Cole Harbour and WANT to remain under this Boundary!! Our interests do not and would not be represented if the current boundary was changed to the proposed one.

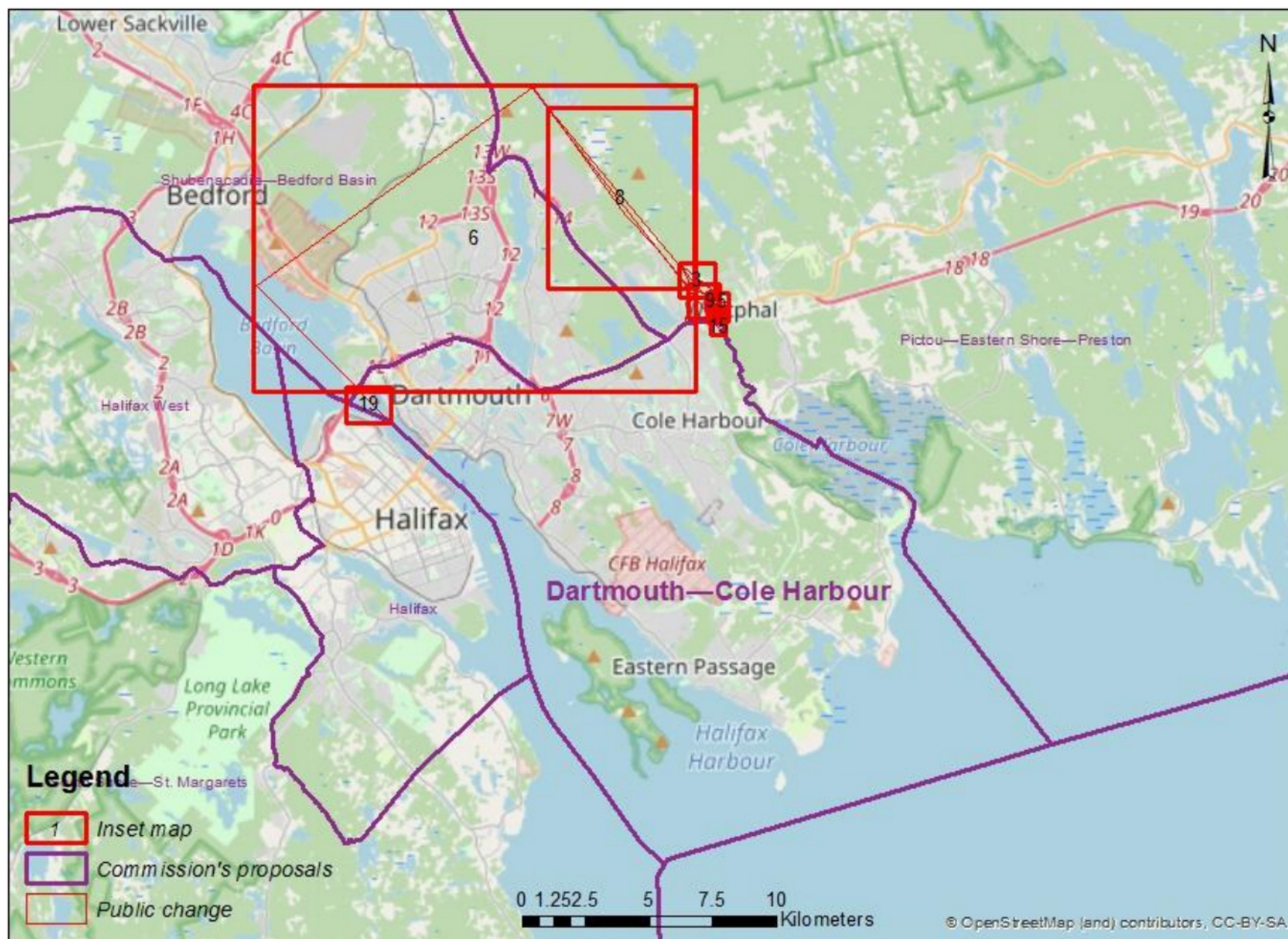
Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12004

Name to modify: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

New name: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

Attachments:

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





Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Nova Scotia

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-10

Email:

RIM ID: 1652139744UQAPHWRYPG

Type of comments received:

New: N

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The district as proposed excludes some areas that have always been associated with Dartmouth, such as Shubie Park, Port Wallace, Westphal, Wallace Heights and the Burnside Industrial Park. These areas belong with Dartmouth as they are more contiguous than if they become part of the Bedford/Sackville areas. These are distinctly different communities. For example, between Westphal and Sackville is about 15kms of forest, whereas it is across the street from Dartmouth. I do not believe the district as proposed will best represent the peoples from these areas.

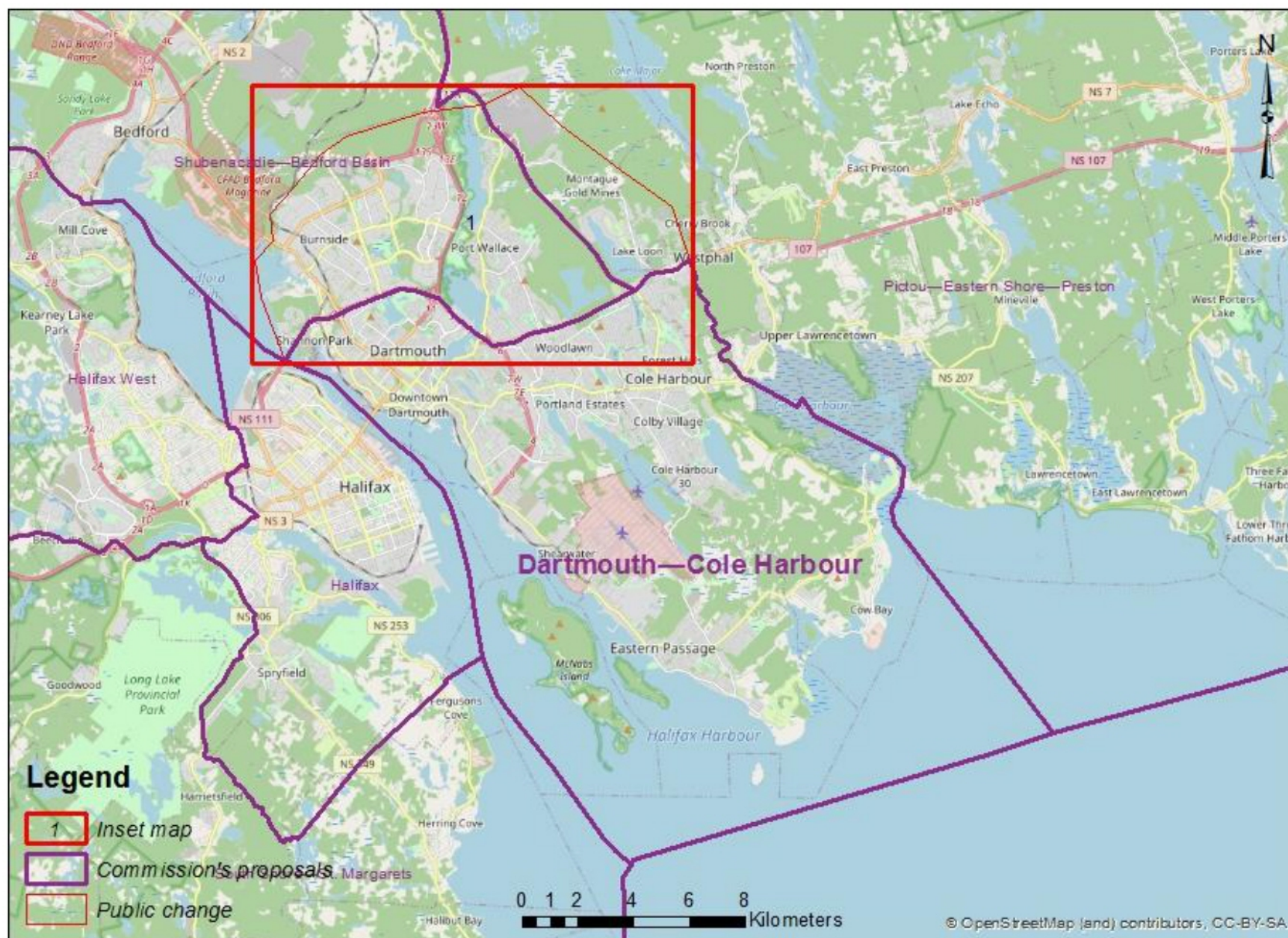
Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12004

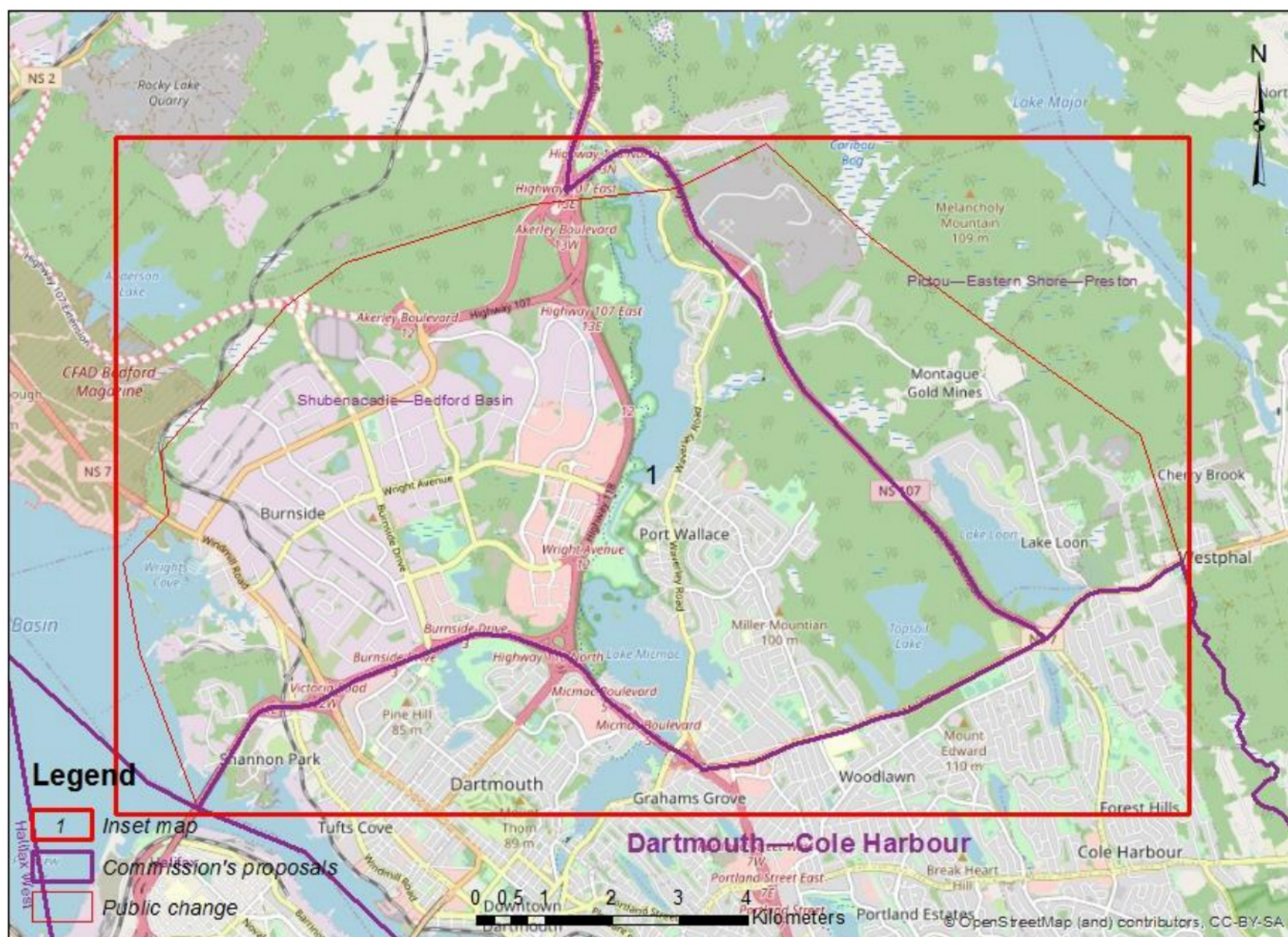
Name to modify: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

New name: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

Attachments:

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







**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-10

Email:

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Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I believe the current boundaries accurately capture the area of Dartmouth - Cole Harbour and do not think the proposed boundary changes are good. I believe the areas to be removed from Dartmouth - Cole Harbour should continue to be represented by the same MLA as the rest of the district, and it should not be changed to be part of Shubenacadie - Bedford Basin. 19(1)

19(1)

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12004

Name to modify: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

New name: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-10

Email:

RIM ID: 1652195557SUIJGWVBOK

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The area is a more accurate representation of Dartmouth Cole Harbour District. Dartmouth Crossing by the name alone should be included in the area. The Port Wallace area has always been a district of Dartmouth at the federal, provincial and municipal levels. It has nothing in common with Bedford or Shubenacadie.

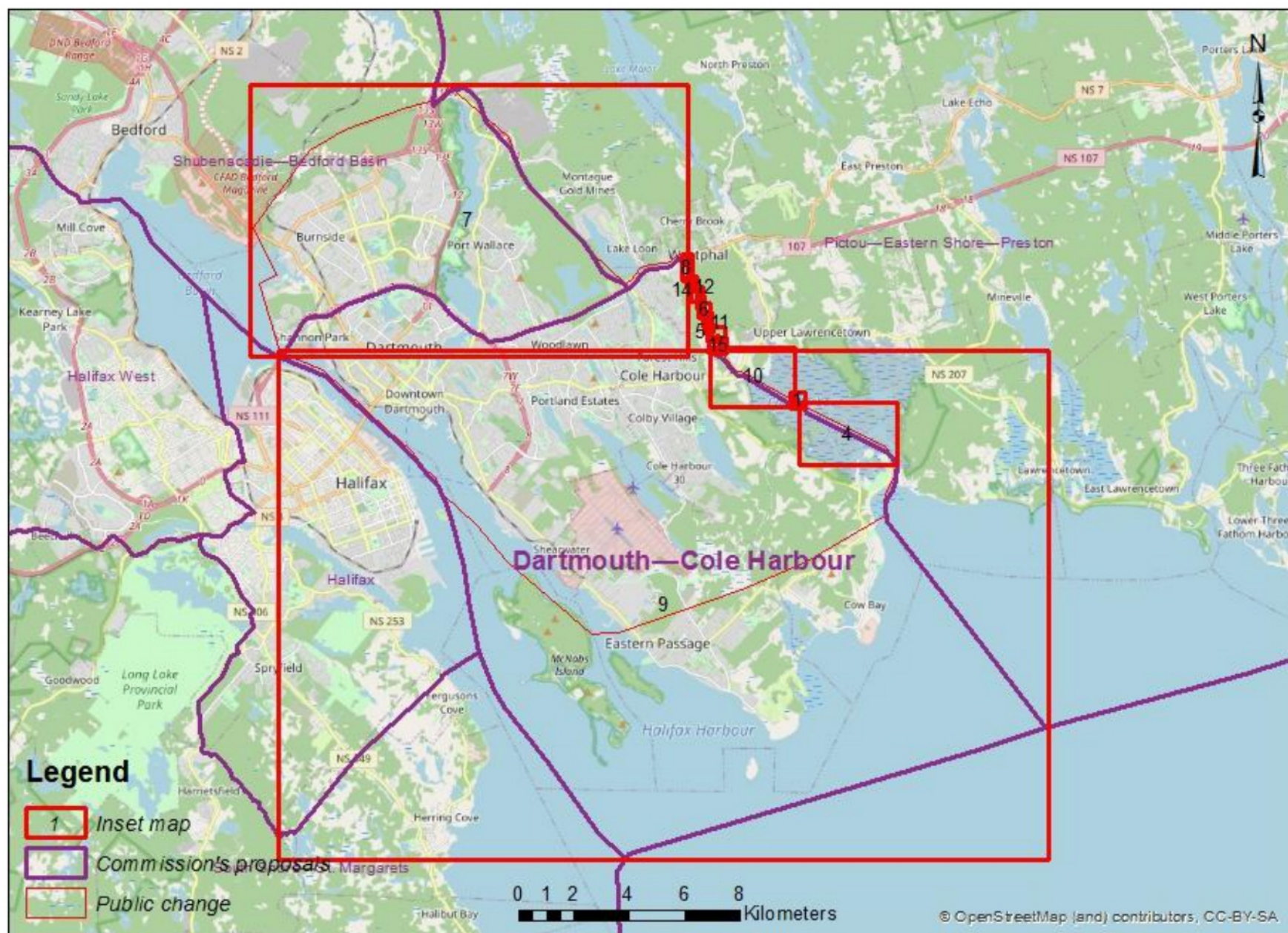
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Attachments:

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





Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Nova Scotia

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-11

Email:

RIM ID: 1652283668CQJFUJKSLL

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I am writing you with concerns about the proposed electoral changes for the federal riding of Dartmouth - Cole Harbour (Nova Scotia). 19(1)

19(1) the proposed changes rip me from a community I am proud to call home. Dartmouth is a proud community that views itself as separate from Bedford-Sackville. Removing core residential areas of Dartmouth from the riding would be a mistake. The proposed changes would make me feel disconnected from my community and more importantly disconnected from from the Member of Parliament that represents me. I hope you strongly reconsider these changes. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further. 19(1)

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12004

Name to modify: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

New name: Dartmouth—Cole Harbour /
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Attachments:

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



Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Nova Scotia

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-17

Email:

RIM ID: 1652804850VTKUWGFTHT

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: Y

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

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19(1)

The proposed changes divide the community of Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea (known as BLT) with part of BLT lying within Halifax West and part in South Shore - St. Margaret's. The entire BLT community should be included in one ED and not divided. BLT could be included in Halifax West by leaving the existing boundary along Highways 103 and 3 between Upper Tantallon and Bayers Lake Park. Alternatively, the BLT community could be included in South Shore - St. Margaret's in its entirety. Dividing BLT between EDs could also pose an issue finding suitable polling places so that electors can vote in their ED and in their community, close to home. This commentary is submitted as a concerned citizen,

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Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12010

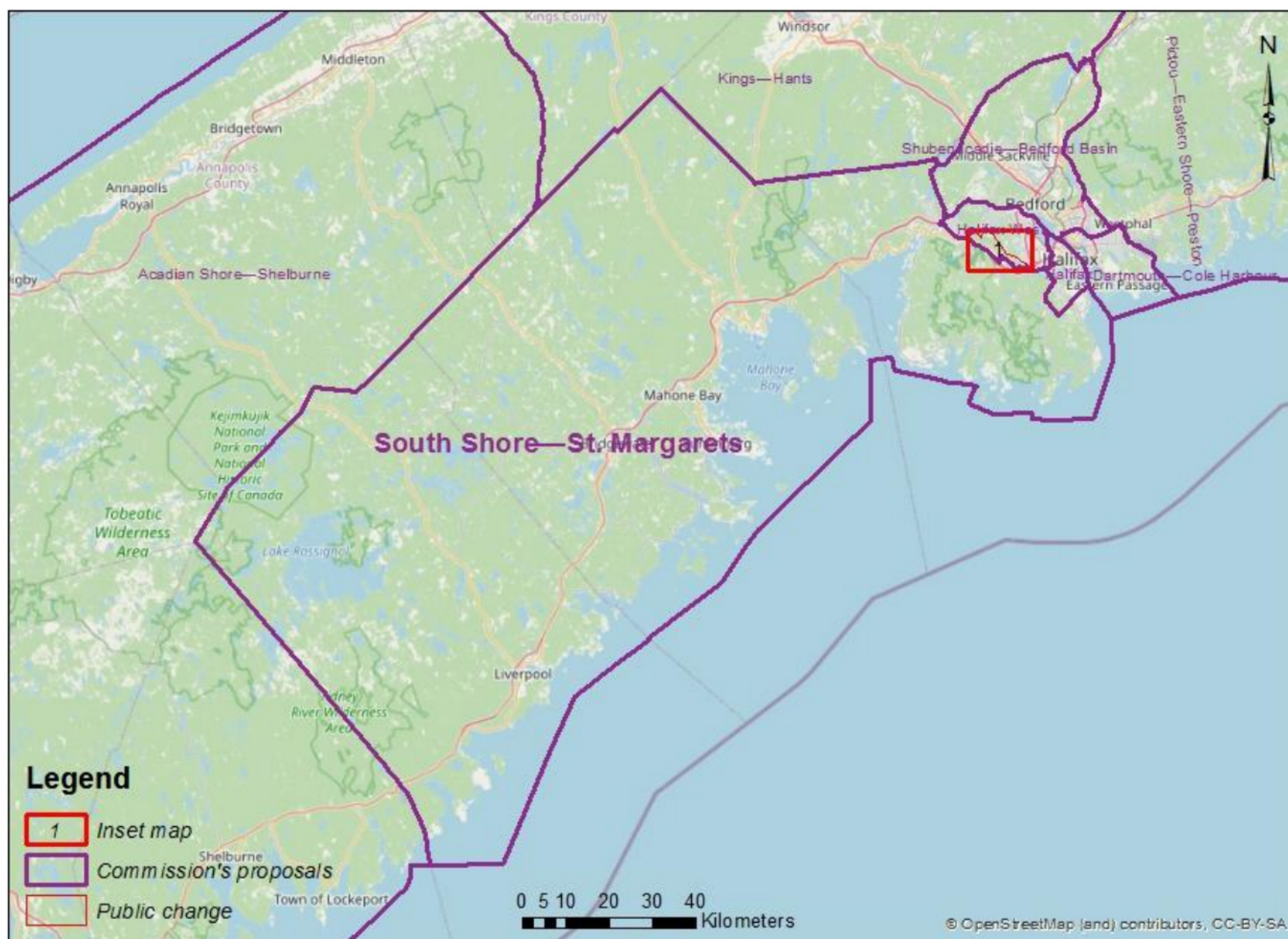
Name to modify: South Shore—St. Margarets /
South Shore—St. Margarets

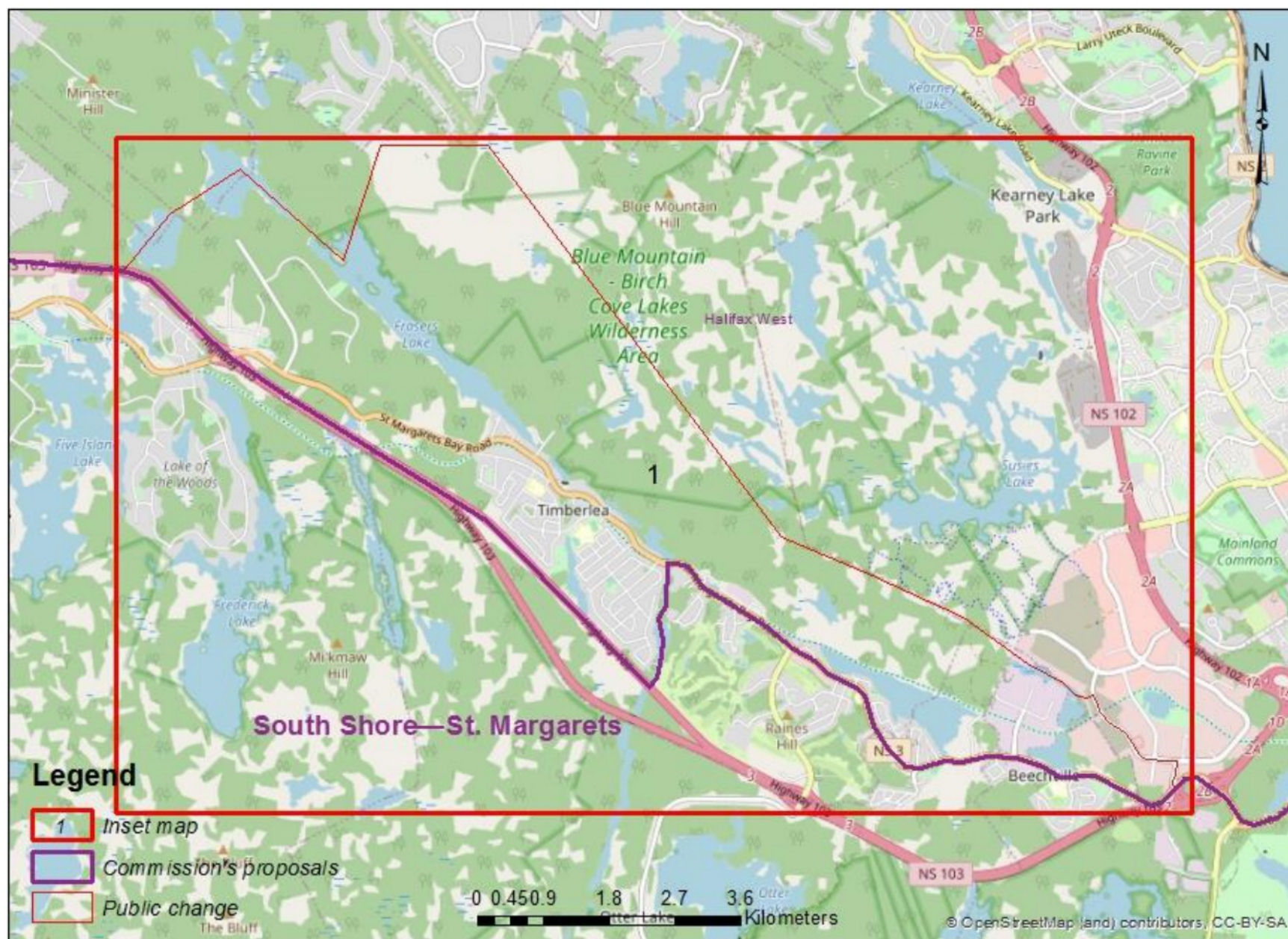
New name: South Shore—St. Margarets /
South Shore—St. Margarets

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







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From: 19(1)

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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:

The burnside industrial park is the heart and soul of Dartmouth, to remove burnside would be a slight to Dartmouth's working class character. Likewise, the Westphal area behind Main Street is a part of the core identity of the Main Street area- saying they have different values than the south side of Main Street would be incorrect. That neighborhood is also a part of the Dartmouth's lake banook and lake mic mac communities and rec area, which is another important area to remain joined.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12004

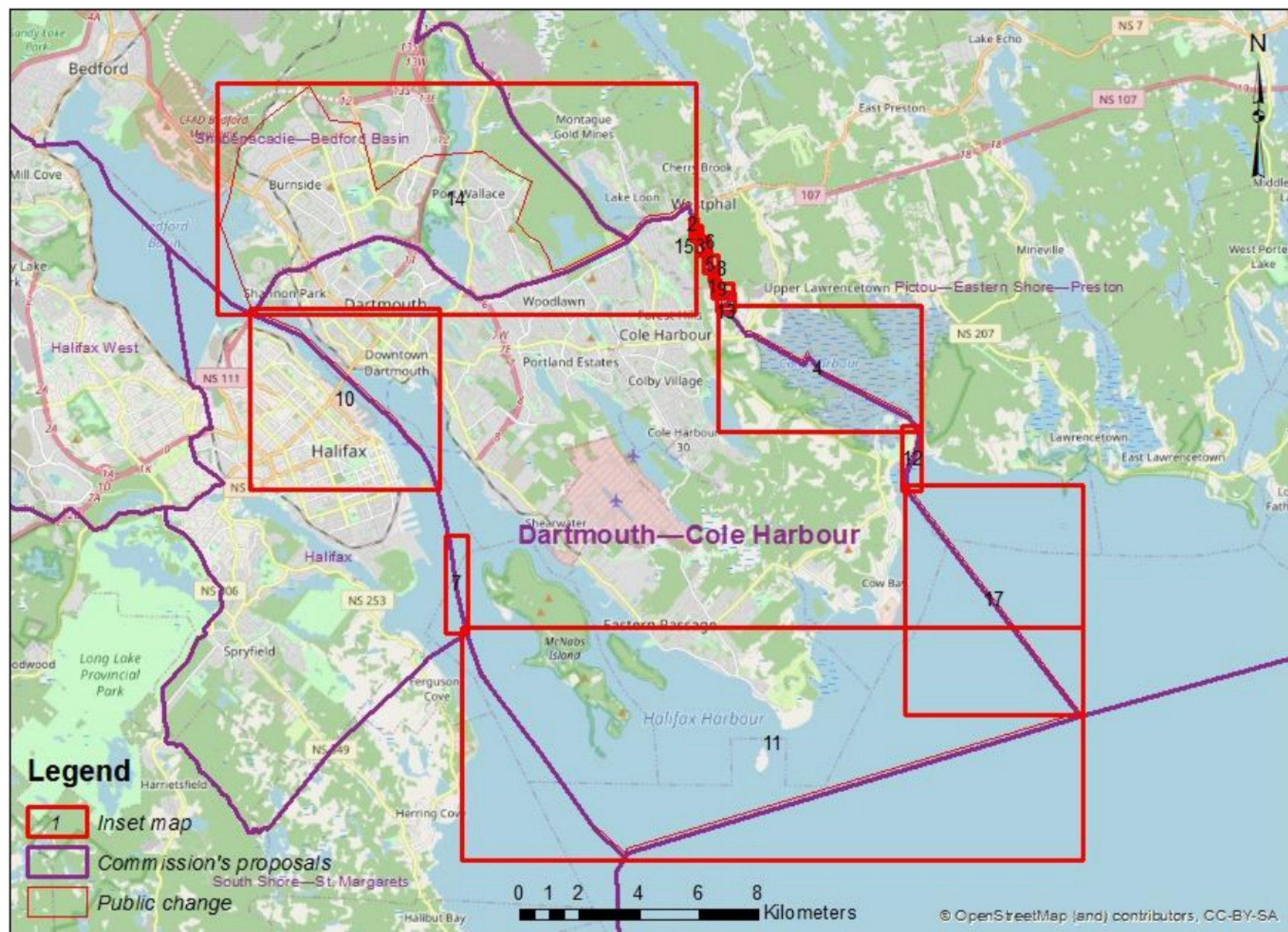
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From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-22

Email:

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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:

The proposed district should NOT include historically separate/distinct societies. The Enclave of people in Woods harbour, shag harbour, Cape Sable Island Barrington, etc, are distinct peoples, more in common with New England planter originating cultures, such as Liverpool, not exceeding or including Lunenburg. While Yarmouth and Shelburne are both metropolitan and similar, they do not represent the cultural substrate in those ridings. 19(1) and Shelburne, being the most southern point, ought not be excluded from the south shore.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12001

Name to modify: Acadian Shore—Shelburne /
Rive-Acadienne—Shelburne

New name: Acadian Shore /
Rive-Acadienne

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-01

Email:

RIM ID: 165411957SYNCPDMFHIB

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Simple, inclusive and won't cost as much for the government or political bodies.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12001

Name to modify: Acadian Shore—Shelburne /
Rive-Acadienne—Shelburne

New name: West Nova /
West Nova

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-20

Email:

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Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I have heard that the community of Beechville may be looped into the South Shore district, which is Ludicrous. It is NOT the South Shore, and have the population and the voting turnouts in Halifax West. This is a shameful ploy to change the voting district which is highly liberal and NDP voting, I might add.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12006

Name to modify: Halifax West /
Halifax-Ouest

New name: Halifax West /
Halifax-Ouest

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-20

Email:

RIM ID: 1655761470WVHQWYGYTG

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Beechville, Lakeside, Timberlea is a community in Halifax West. Period.

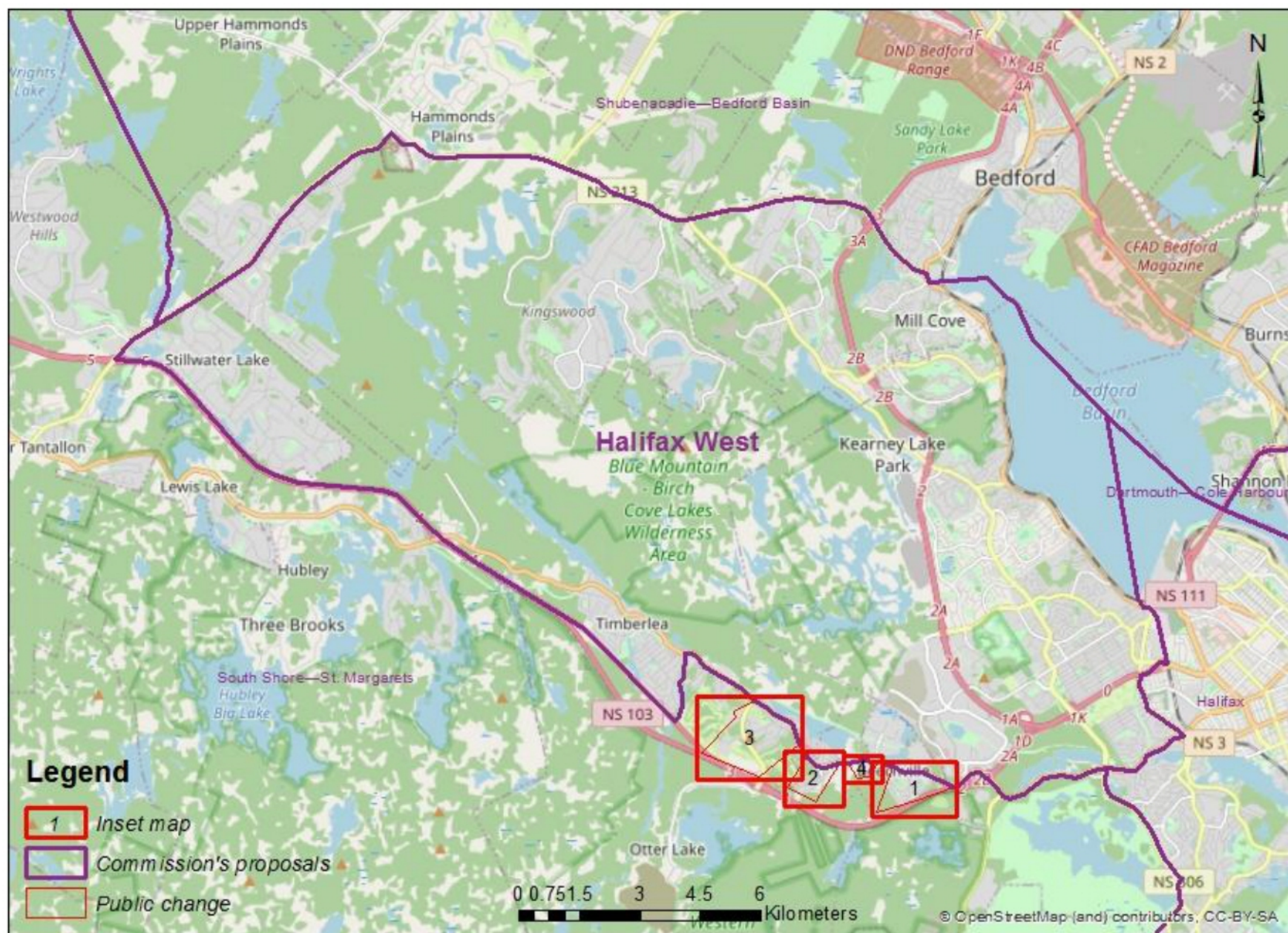
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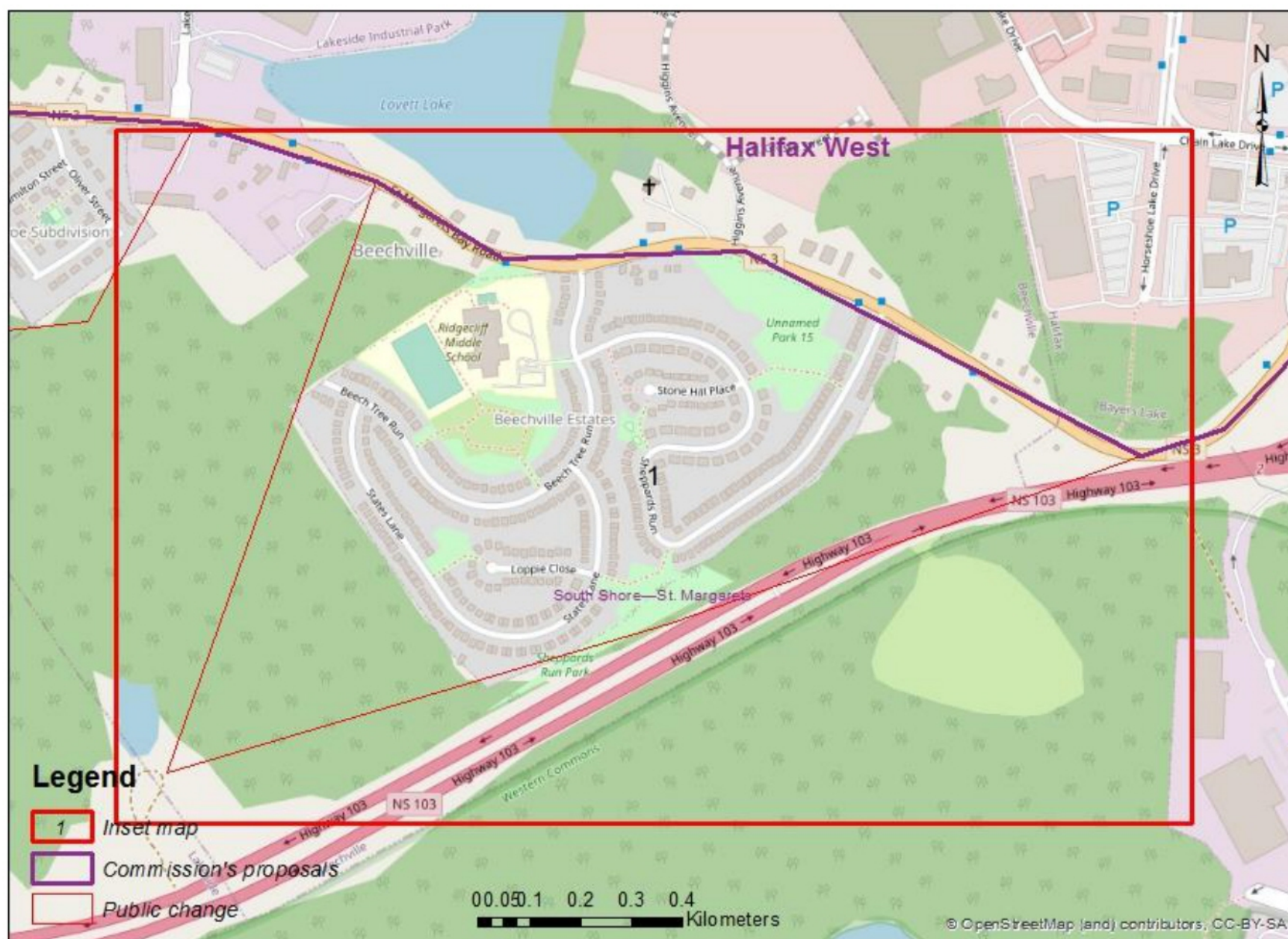
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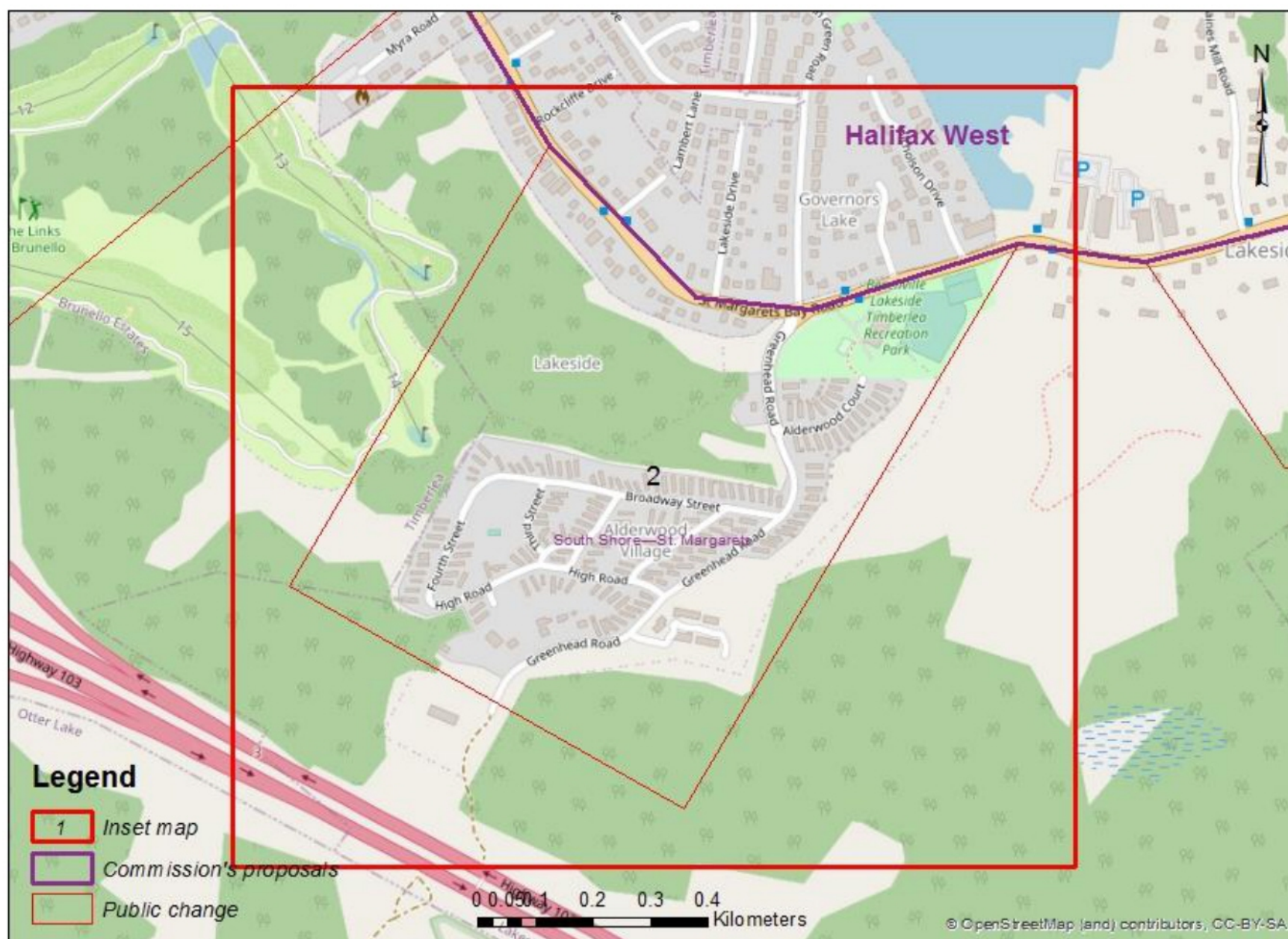
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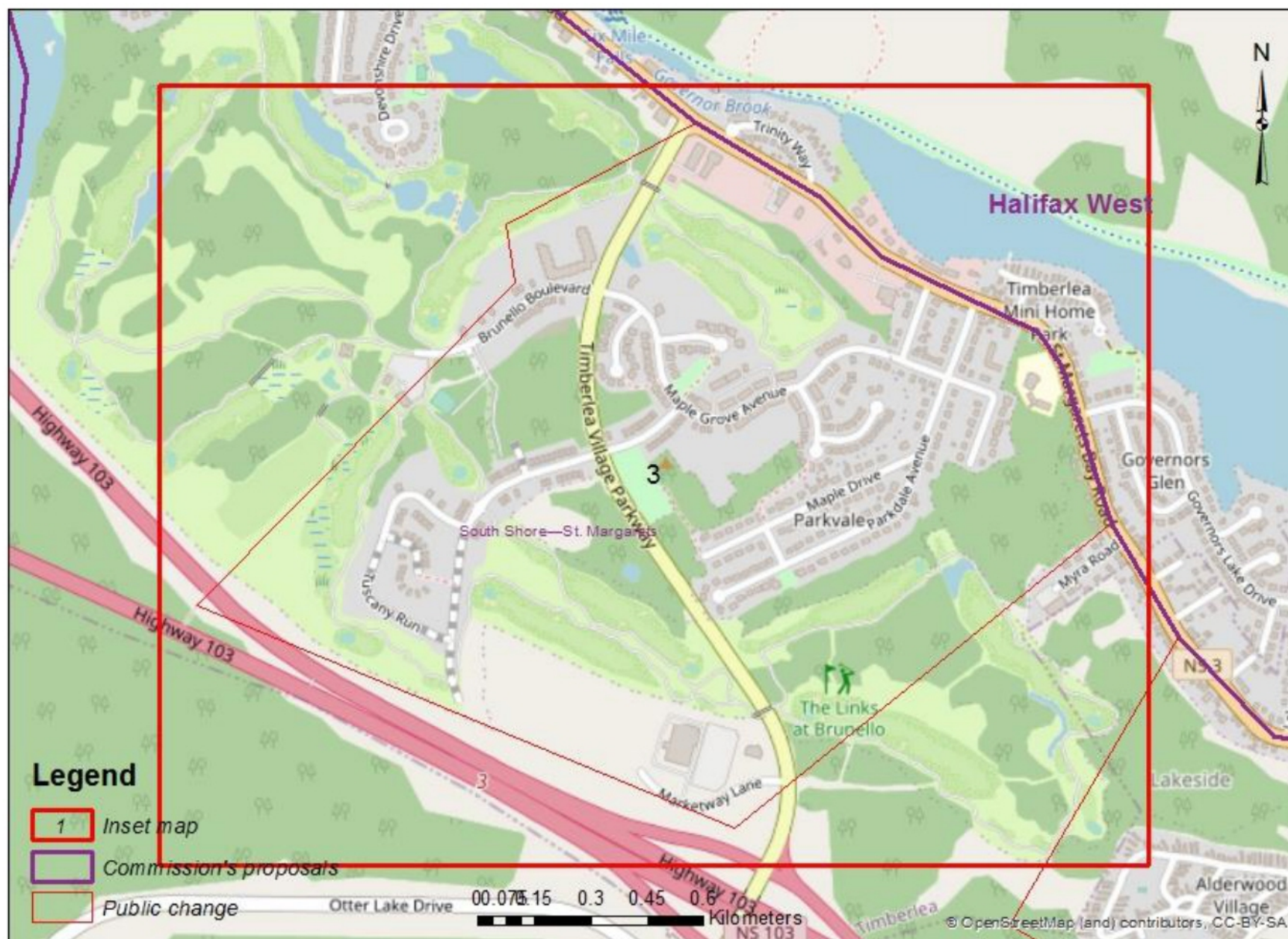
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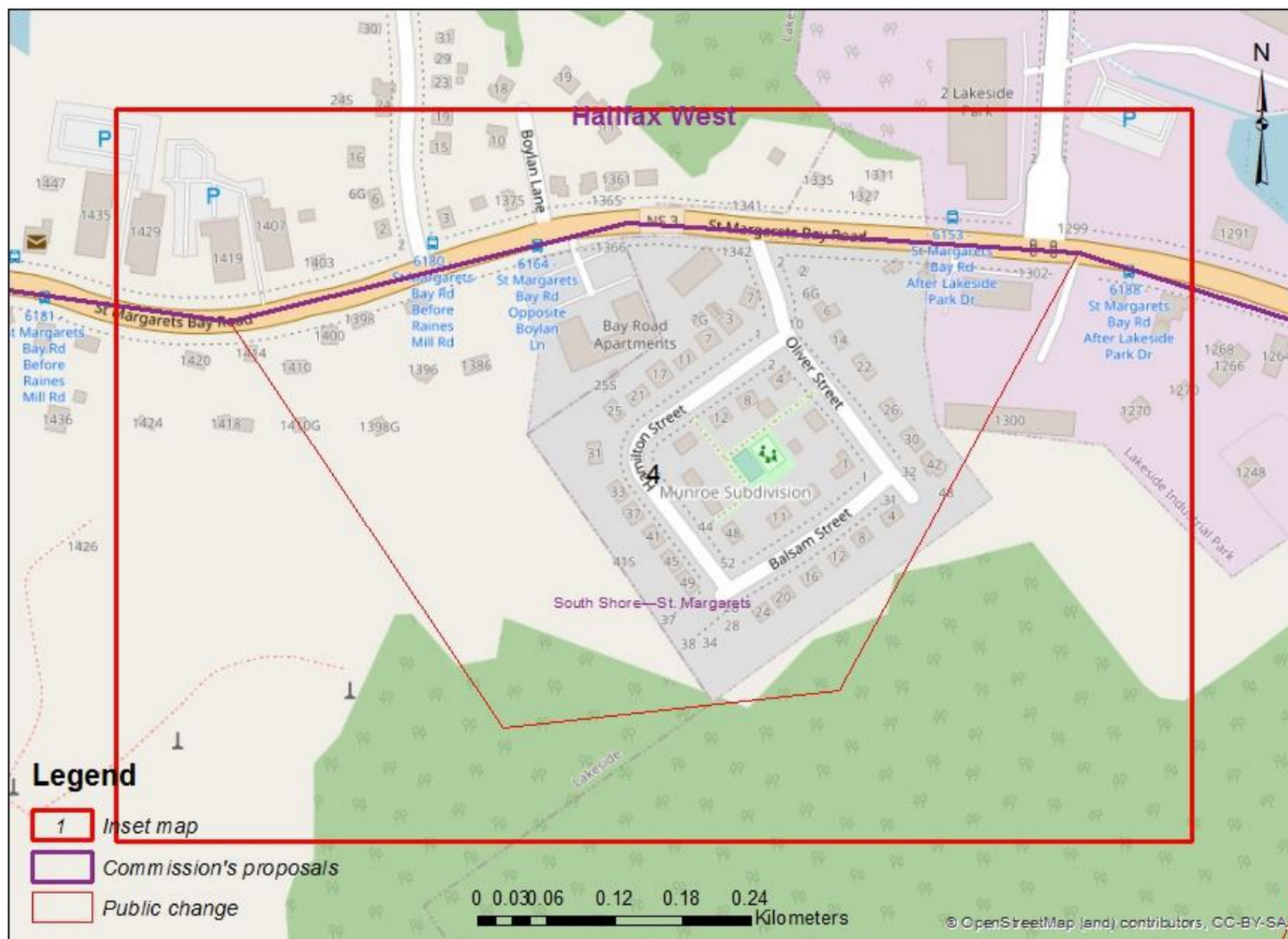
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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Nova Scotia

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-27

Email:

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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:

This proposal uses natural boundaries, highways and provincial boundaries to better create a riding with shared interests. In the north, it is bounded by NS trunk 7 and the 102. The western boundary is formed by the provincial boundary between Bedford South and Hammonds Plains-Lucasville, recognizing that these are distinct and separate communities. This is extended through the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area. The southern boundary is formed by the BLT rails to trail, and the Saint Margaret's Bay Road. The eastern boundary is formed by the current CN railway, and the Bedford Basin. This proposal reduces Halifax West's population, while also reducing the riding of Halifax's population. Every community included is connected by the Bedford Highway and Joseph Howe Drive. This maintains the suburban profile of Halifax West. Communities including Bedford, Hammonds Plains and BLT would be kept together. I suggest BLT and Hammonds Plains be added to a riding with Sackville.

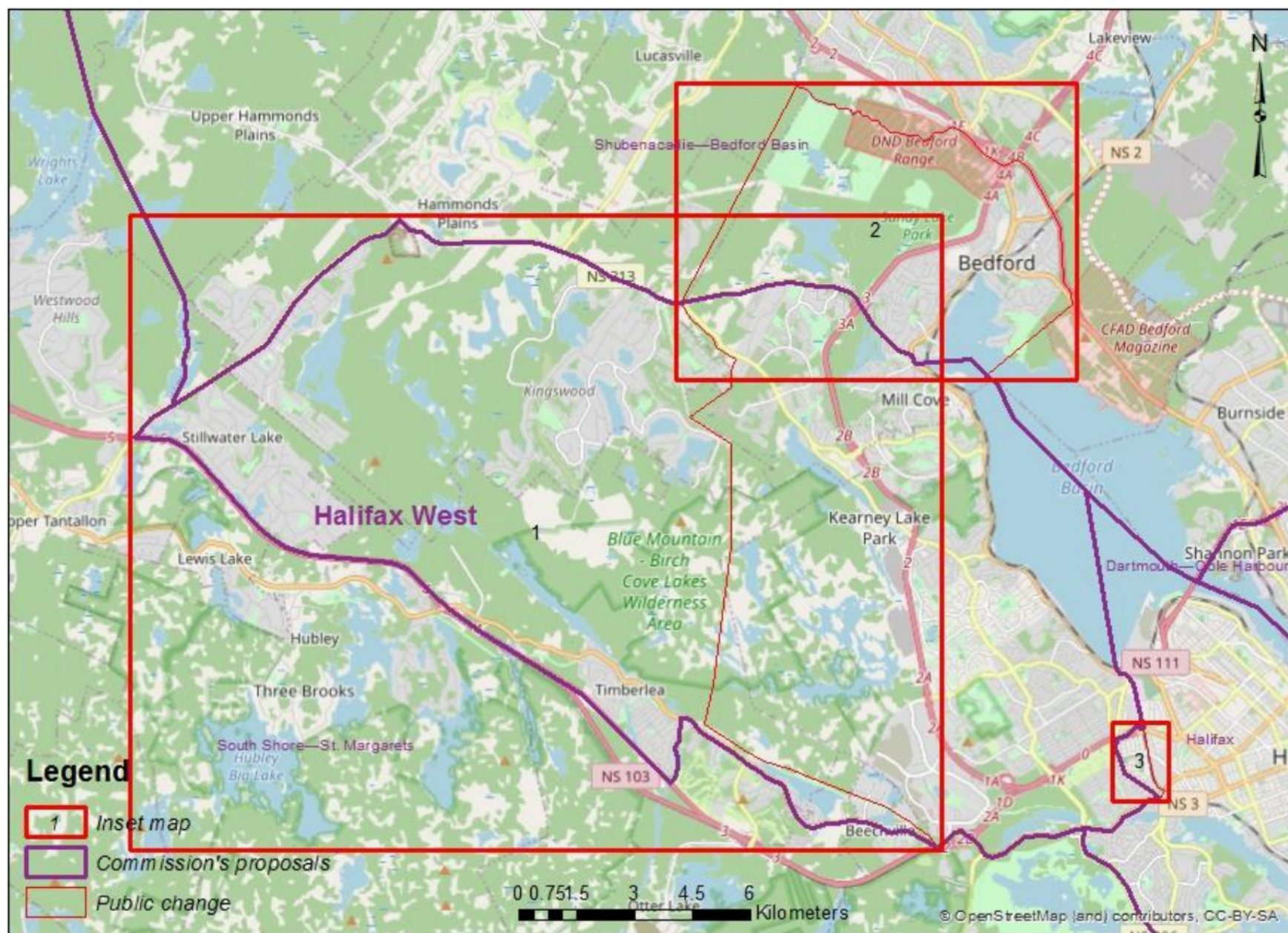
Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12006

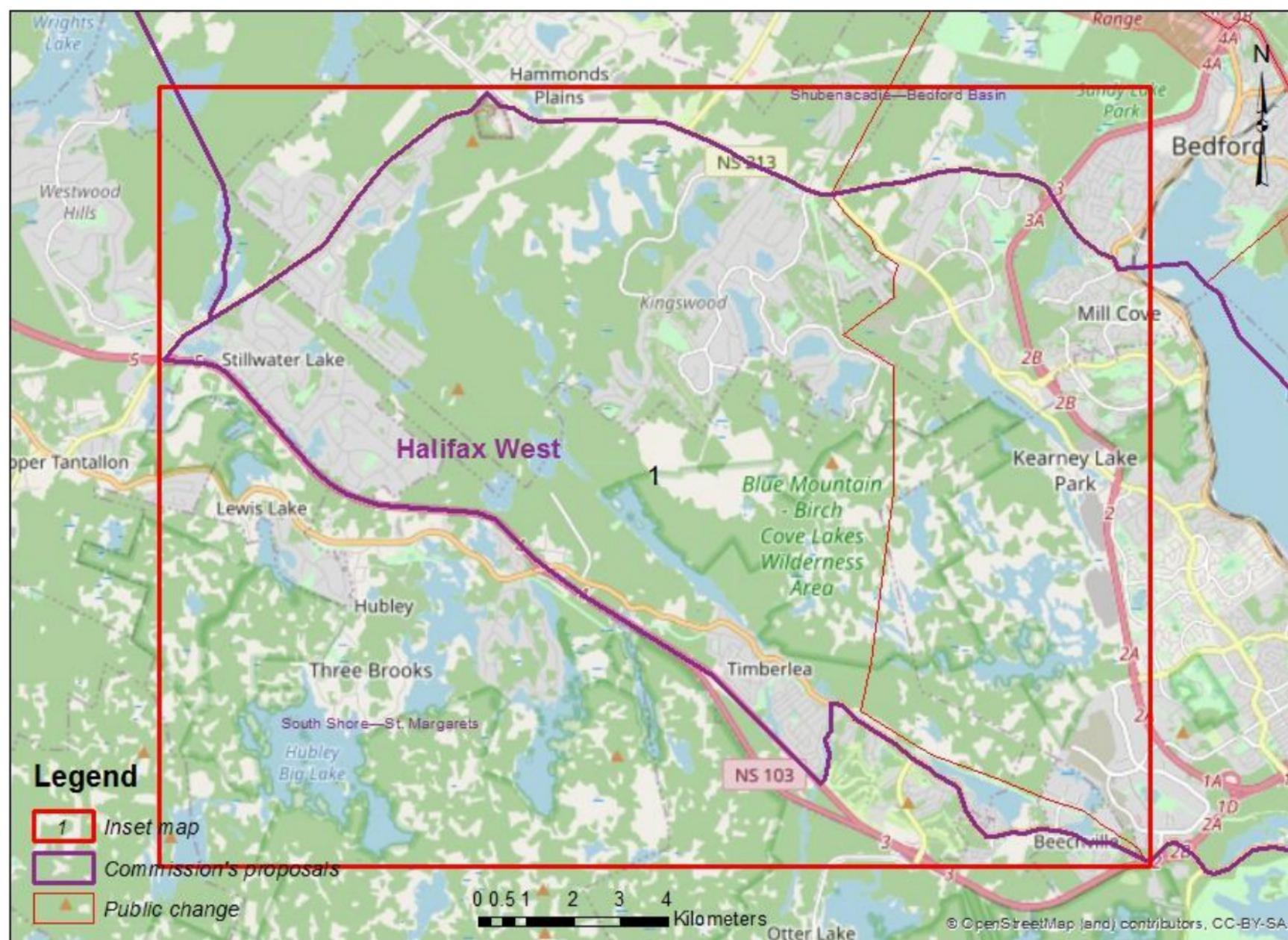
Name to modify: Halifax West /
Halifax-Ouest

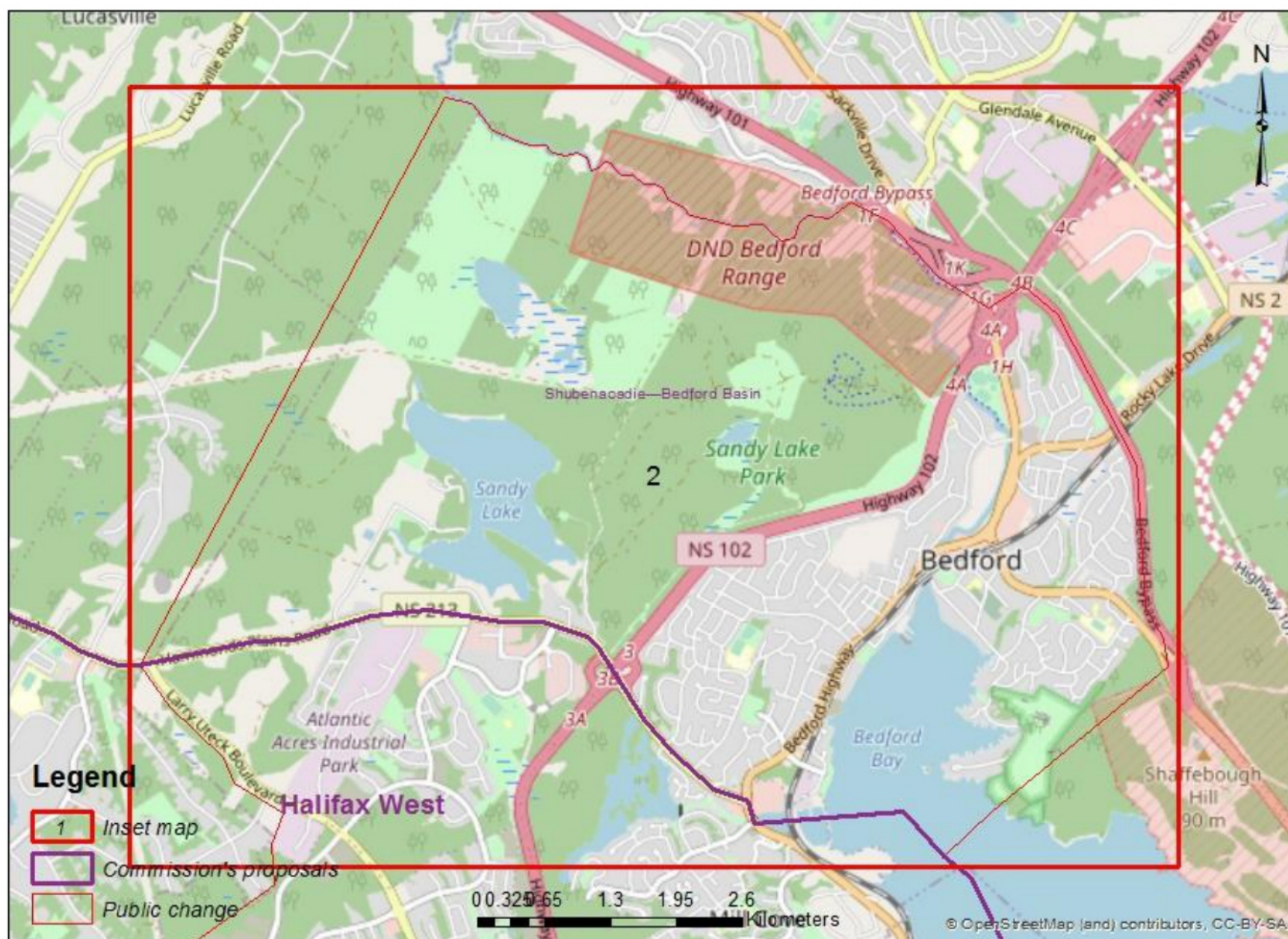
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Halifax-Ouest

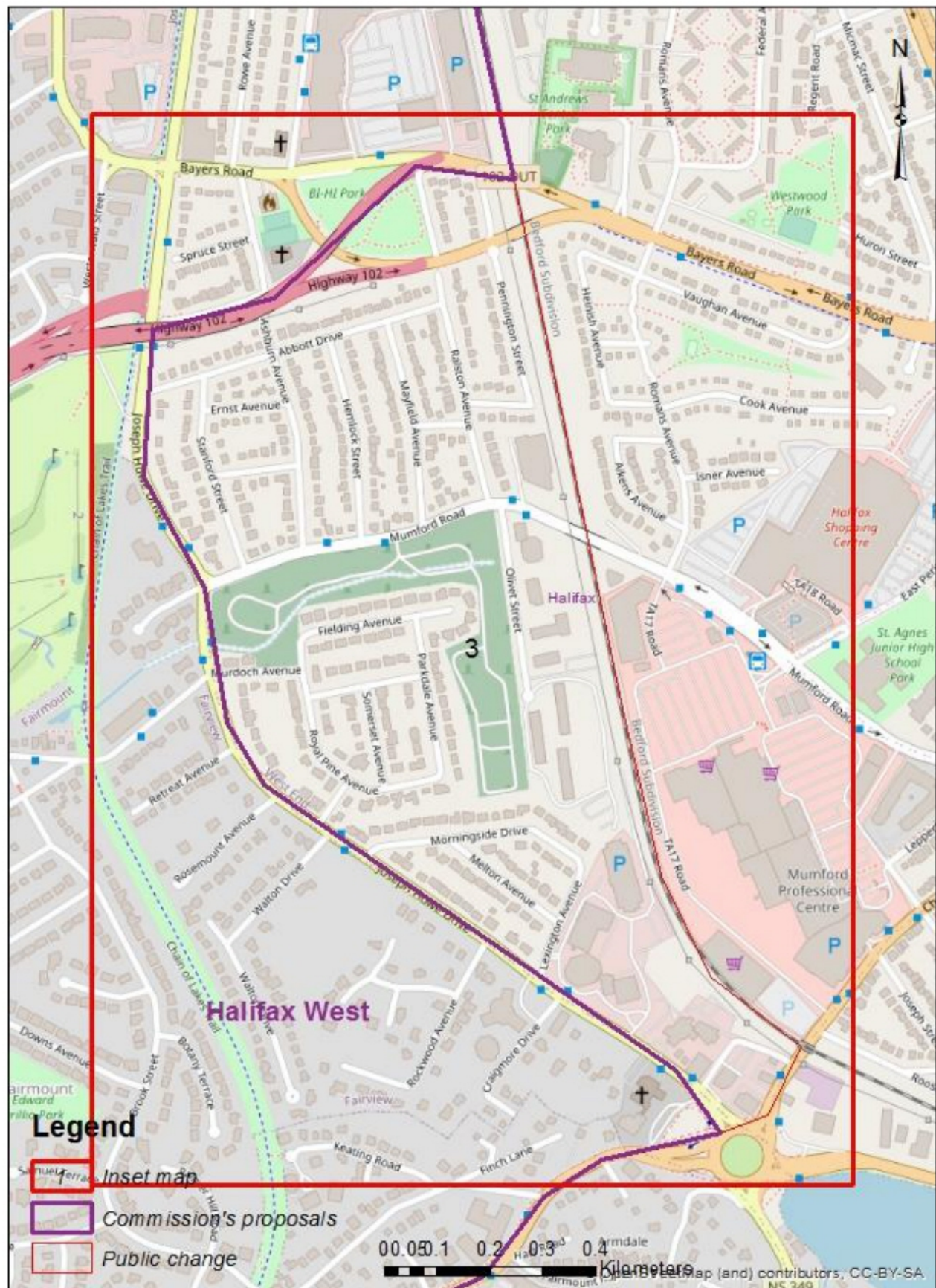
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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-28

Email:

RIM ID: 1656450344EUFFZEMCPS

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Including the Sambro loop, as it not connected with the South Shore. Adding the area around Armdale into Halifax West to offset the pop included in Sambro (~6,000). Provincially, Halifax Armdale uses the Connaught Ave boundary and includes the area around the Cemetery with the rest of Armdale - so this arrangement is in use in other levels of government. The same goes for the Halifax municipal boundaries.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12005

Name to modify: Halifax /
Halifax

New name: Halifax /
Halifax

Attachments:

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



Redistribution and West Nova Riding

19(1)

Tue 5/31/2022 7:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Commisioners,

19(1)

at our recent meeting discussed the proposed changes to our Riding. Though it is not clear to us why Shelburne is being added, we don't have a strong objection to that. What we DO have a strong objection to is the proposed name change for the Riding. This whole end of Nova Scotia has been known locally as Sou'West Nova or West Nova for many years, which we suspect is the reason the Riding was named West Nova in the first place. Now, suddenly, we are to be known as Acadian Shore-Shelburne (not French Shore-Shelburne, which would be the local usage). But, in the first place, there is resentment that Annapolis Basin area, which was actually the original site of European settlement doesn't get in, and in the second place, changing the name of the Riding will mean trouble and expense for Riding Associations of all parties, all of whom will have to wind themselves up, restart new Riding Associations, change bank accounts, social media sites, etc. We respectfully suggest that leaving the name unchanged as West Nova would be perfectly understandable to the local population, would leave no-one's nose out of joint, and save all the parties' Riding Associations time, money, and aggravation. I trust that this simple suggestion will be considered, and hope that it will be accepted.

Sincerely,

19(1)

writing on behalf of 19(1)

West Nova

19(1)

Wed 6/1/2022 10:34 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Just a short comment from me.

I see nothing wrong with the "**new**" **West Nova**, but please keep the name, **West Nova**. The proposed new name is too long (Acadian Shores-Shelburne/Rive-Acadienne-Sheburne), and leaves out Kings and Annapolis County.

Thanks

19(1)

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28 April 2022

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P.O. Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS
B4C 2N0

Dear Members of the Commission,

RE: Retention of the Electoral District Name, "West Nova"

19(1) I am pleased to welcome both the Commission's proposed enlargement of our riding and the addition of the citizens of Shelburne County. That said, on the following grounds, I am concerned over the suggested renaming of our constituency to become, "**Acadian Shores-Shelburne**". Our constituency is far more than just those two entities and this new name does not properly portray who we are.

- When the Commission removed Shelburne County from its previous riding of South Shore-St. Margarets the name of that riding **is not to be** changed.

- In a situation which should run in parallel, but does not, as Shelburne County now becomes part of West Nova the name of this riding **is to be** changed, totally. For what reason will the name of West Nova be changed when with the departure of Shelburne, South Shore-St. Margarets was not? "Shelburne" was not specifically mentioned in its previous constituency so why is it to be now? Shelburne has simply slipped across a border.

- In addition to our indigenous, black and immigrant communities the citizens of "West Nova" are principally of two backgrounds, the Loyalists and New England Planters of the Annapolis Valley and the Acadian society living primarily along our southwestern shores. Under the name, "West Nova" all have been accommodated giving preference to no one with a feeling of inclusion for all.

The new name that is suggested by the Commission specifically recognizes the people of just Shelburne County and just the people of the Acadian culture while all other cultural backgrounds and counties are to be excluded. Such an omission would not occur if the Commission would simply reconsider its present suggestion allowing our federal district name to remain neutral in both cultural and historic aspects yet still be valid by its location.

To maintain the feeling of respect and cooperation that now exists amongst the citizens of this electoral district and prevent what could become a fractious situation by giving preference to just one of five counties and just one of its cultures the name of this electoral district should remain simply "West Nova".

Most sincerely,

19(1)

Even the militia unit of our region is called the *West Nova Scotia Regiment*, not the **Acadian Shores and Shelburne Regiment**.

What body considered itself able to rename us without public consultation and what was the rationale to even see the need to do so?

19(1)

Boundary Change question

19(1)

Thu 4/28/2022 4:48 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Ms. Moulaison:

I was surprised-- yes, even shocked-- at a couple of the changes outlined in the Proposal for redefining boundaries inserted in today's Chronicle Herald.

While the redistribution has to be based on population for the most part, it makes no sense to have the 'Acadian Shore-Shelburne' riding laid out the way it is. A better choice would have been to have the riding include Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, and Queens Counties and remove the western part of Kings County from it. The net gain/loss of people from the riding would be negligible and it would actually increase the population of Kings- Hants to the size of most other ridings. This would also make politicians' travel within the southwestern region much more efficient because of the locations of Hwys 8 & 10.

But, more than anything, it would enable keeping the name South West Nova, though that could better be presented as South / West Nova. The proposed name 'Acadian Shore - Shelburne' offers no reference to the Annapolis Valley-- which encompasses a major portion of the riding.

I appreciate your consideration of my suggestions. Thank you for this opportunity to present them.

Best regards,

19(1)

Electoral Boundaries ReviewNS re West Nova

19(1)

Mon 6/13/2022 7:39 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

June 13, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
Box 70071 RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville NS B4C 2N0

Dear Commission Members:

I agree with the purpose of the commission. The vote of one person should not be worth more than the vote of another, therefore ridings should have roughly equal populations of those eligible to vote. The use of census data and regular redistribution are the tools to allow this process of democratic equality to exist.

The West Nova riding is geographically large, and with the proposed Acadian Shore-Shelburne about to become larger. R. MacGregor Dawson in The Government of Canada pointed out that rural ridings were overrepresented at the Federal level. This was somewhat mitigated because of the provincial government and greater municipal government influence in urban areas. Keeping in mind the overriding principle of one person one vote, could a slight rural over-representation help the difficult riding boundary problem?

The Executive of West Nova New Democratic Party Association is concerned about the proposed riding name and geographical change. The changes will increase a riding's work (for all parties) because basic riding reorganization will be necessary. Bank account modifications and adjustments with former ridings cause complicated problems with the allocation of assets. The ridings will have to re-register as political and financial entities with the Federal Government. Considerable expenditure of effort, work and money will be required. In general, the name change will cause unnecessary expense for political units that will find it difficult to meet the demands.

The name West Nova has become identified with the area. For example Paul Palango in 22 Murders observed "Superintendent Julie Moss was placed in charge of the Southwest Nova District". The West Nova term has been widely accepted and there is little reason to change it.

West Nova tells more about the area than the proposed new name. All the current regions are treated equally without regional or cultural distinction. This is good feature, seen in the names of most Federal ridings.

We live in an age of inclusion. This is found in schools, workplace, recreation opportunities etc. The name Acadian Shore-Shelburne is very much against this trend. The name Acadian-Shore excludes the many people of other cultural heritages that live in the area. That should not be the case. (I understand the aspects of cultural affinity.-I have some ancestors that arrived in Nova Scotia because of Culloden and others who came to the province because of the Highland Clearances).

Significant Acadian populations reside in other parts of Nova Scotia outside West Nova. Does the proposed name change have unintended consequences for people in these areas? (Tourism comes to mind.)

A similar problem exists with the addition of "Shelburne" to the riding name. The other counties and municipalities, each with long, proud histories, are ignored with the proposed new name for the riding. The current name of West Nova avoids singling out an area and maintains equality of treatment among the various regions within the riding.

Thank-you for providing the opportunities for the public to make presentations to the the commission. I hope that you will see fit to retain the current name of West Nova or a variation that represents the equality of both people and regions.

By Email

June 28, 2022

NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.c

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and advocate for integrity in public discourse. In this regard, it is important that all perspectives and factual information be used to make decisions regarding governance systems. ¹⁹⁽¹⁾

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I am concerned that inaccurate information may be used by those who seek to alter the proposed Acadian Shores-Shelburne riding boundary for partisan concerns without regard to the realities of the residents who live in the region.

The proposed change to include Shelburne County with West Nova (Acadian Shores – Shelburne) is a logical proposal given the strength of their local fishing and aquaculture industries, their shared Mi'kmaq and Acadian history, and the current geographical size of South Shore – St. Margaret's which (without changes) undermines the effectiveness of local federal representation. Furthermore, the continued urban growth and changing demographics of the western portion of Halifax County are creating an imbalance that can result in the concerns and issues of Shelburne area residents becoming marginalized within the riding. Shelburne and Yarmouth have a much greater alignment of the issues they face, including dependence on the fishery, reliance on cultural and eco-tourism, and impacts of the changing climate on their local economies.

Indeed, it was appropriate that before 1979, Shelburne and Yarmouth were included in the same federal riding. For most of the 20th Century, Shelburne lay in a federal riding separate from the South Shore.

1.1 Common Fishing Industry

Shelburne County has a very prominent fishing industry that is rivalled in the province only by the neighbouring counties of Yarmouth County and Digby County (both in West Nova):

Ports in Shelburne County had the highest value of seafood purchased by buyers in 2017 at \$230 million – a reflection of the thriving lobster business. [...]

Yarmouth County ports were next at \$182 million, with Yarmouth and Argyle leading the way. Along with Digby County at \$134 million, the three southern counties accounted for almost half of the seafood purchased. – [CBC, 2018](#).

Together, Shelburne, Yarmouth, and Digby accounted for half of the seafood purchased from Nova Scotia in 2017. This constitutes a significant economic and cultural link between these counties.

In comparison, Queens and Lunenburg County (both on the South Shore) maintain much smaller and steadily declining seafood production. The combined total of seafood sales for those two counties in 2017 constitutes only a fifth of Shelburne County's total port-to-port sales alone. As a result, the economies of these communities are transitioning from primary production to service industries.

As saltwater fishing in Nova Scotia is not only a billion-dollar industry but also a federal responsibility, it would be helpful to have the common interests of these counties (Shelburne, Yarmouth, and Digby) represented in one federal riding with a single collective voice.

1.2 Shared History

Historical Acadian settlements before the Great Expulsion predate existing county boundaries. The Cap-Sable settlement, for instance, stretched from what is today Yarmouth to Baccaro (Shelburne County).

Indeed, the new "Acadian Shores – Shelburne" riding, as proposed, encompasses both pre- and post-Deportation sites of settlement for the Acadians in Port-Royal (today, Annapolis Valley), Cap-Sable, Clare, and Pointe-de-l'Église (Church Point).

Today, the federal government is (via the Culture Innovation Fund) supporting archaeological research at the site of Fort St. Louis, a National Historic Site, in Port La Tour, Shelburne County. The proposed inclusion of Shelburne County within an "Acadian Shores" riding could further promote the rediscovery of this region's rich Acadian past.

Using 2016 Census data, the proposed inclusion of Shelburne County (taking into account the loss of Berwick) amounts to a change of less than a percentage point in terms of the share of West Nova that identifies as Acadian. Far from constituting a loss of influence, the impact of this change in terms of representation would not be perceivable realistically.

Rural depopulation, which is out of the control of the Boundaries Commission, will have a far more significant impact on the overall share of West Nova that identifies as Acadian than any proposed boundary redistribution. The Commission on Effective Electoral Representation of Acadian and African Nova Scotians [reported](#) that the Change in Population was approximately - 4% for those speaking French as their Mother Tongue in Clare and Argyle between 2011 and 2016.

Furthermore, the longstanding relationship between the Acadian and Mi'kmaq history is also an important connector between the communities within the Acadia Shores -Shelburne district. Their shared history was influential in the collaboration between peoples in the post *Marshall* fishery and can provide insights into future meaningful reconciliation. This was evident in the joint Mawioimi/ Acadian Festival held in Grand Pre in 2017.

1.3 Geographical Size

A common point raised in connection to the current South Shore St. Margaret's riding is that it is too large to facilitate effective representation.

As the population continues to grow in western Halifax County, pressure will mount to include more parts of the HRM still in South Shore - St. Margarets (e.g., Upper Tantallon, Timberlea, Stillwater Lake, Sambro, Herring Cove,) to offset population growth in the central Halifax ridings.

Adding Shelburne to West Nova, as proposed, would cut the width of South Shore - St. Margarets by approximately 40%, making the riding more manageable to traverse and helping to facilitate a shared sense of identity within the remaining parts of the riding.

Ultimately, ¹⁹⁽¹⁾ we do not feel properly represented in a federal ride stretching to the Barrington Passage. We are also aware that our concerns, issues and outlooks differ from those of the residents in Barrington. We are concerned that we can overshadow these residents in the political discourse, which undermines the fair representation in the House of Commons. Effective representation will require the riding to be smaller in terms of geography, and Shelburne is a suitable place at this time to make this cut-off.

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Feedback on Electoral Proposal for Nova Scotia (Inappropriate Riding Name)

19(1)

Wed 4/27/2022 8:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello members of committee,

First, I want to congratulate you on the speed and quality of the boundary proposal! As someone following the releases closely, it is an exciting process and I applaud your work.

However, 19(1) I wanted to warn you I anticipate you will get significant, and perhaps hostile pushback to the name for Acadian-Shore Shelburne!

In particular as it erases a third of the ridings identity with two groups they highly do not identify with. The Annapolis and Kings portions of the riding, and even Digby, strongly do not identify with the Acadian shore. Anything above Digby strongly identifies with the Annapolis Valley, and the economy, geography, culture, language, and history is very different. People in the valley even call themselves Valley-folk, and have a strong regional identity and separate accent, being as likely to look to Kentville to Digby as a local centre.

Given it is full of small farming towns and villages very proud of their region, have a strong civic tradition, and are distinctly separate from the other two name component. There is the possibility the current name will cause a fair amount of offense which may translate to hearings! This separate identity has continued to develop, as the riding effectively includes the core farming areas of the valley and the major economic hub of CFB Greenwood – especially with the slight adjustment to the valley boundary.

The boundaries themselves are logical with the given map and population, but I wanted to forewarn that there is likely a reason “West Nova” was the prior name of the riding, and that there are century plus old separate cultural traditions, and very distinct economies and language dynamics, between the three portions! (And, I suspect, likely a three-way split in population dispersion).

Given the well-established community traditions, pride, and differences, you may receive vigorous feedback to the name – especially as each region has its own economic regions to be concerned about being ignored!

Thank you for considering this feedback it is a great process,

19(1)

Federal boundries

19(1)

Sat 5/21/2022 8:56 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

It is unthinkable that a proposed change would be considered in this case

There is no way that cape BretonCanso has any working connections with The antigonish area

I have had political interests over many years and in my opinion this would be totally inappropriate to do

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Re: boundaries

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 5/28/2022 12:39 PM

To: 19(1)

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your submissions dated May 24, 2022, which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
of Nova Scotia
Phone 1-855-776-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:51 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: boundaries

To Whom It May Concern,

I am NOT in agreement with the proposed change to the Antigonish town and county boundaries, and I want my voice heard..

19(1)

Antigonish electoral boundary change

19(1)

Sun 5/22/2022 1:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Having just gone through the past few years with the South River dividing Antigonish County into two electoral districts I certainly concur with pulling the entire county into one federal riding. Further I find that most of my work, recreation, volunteering connections & shopping locales take me moreso into mainland NS rather than CB so a better alignment of needs by connect our district across to North-western NS would be my suggestion in this re-distribution.

Further the communities and towns thus captured have similar interests with none having any overbearing weighting; whilst the larger centre in Northern CB would offset that balance.

19(1)

Boundary changes

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 6:36 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I am writing from my friend's email as I do not have a computer. I am against the proposed boundary change. The suggested change covers too big an area. The concerns of Antigonish are quite different from those of Inverness and Richmond counties.

19(1)

Re change in the current Central Nova boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 3:55 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Please be advised that the proposed changes in this district will, in my opinion, not be as beneficial, as far as representation. Pictou Co. & its multiple towns & Antigonish town & Co. share much history & common goals. The full inclusion of Antigonish Co. would create a much more logical area for a riding. Preston would have much more

affiliation to the Halifax area, & so much developing progress would be hampered by such a realignment, with such a dissimilar area, away from a strong Halifax base. Kindly help the people of this area attain a logical & holistic riding. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sent from my iPad.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Redistribution

19(1)

Sun 5/22/2022 11:47 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I'm not in favour of this move by the boundaries commission. Our MP has been an intricate voice of our community. Your proposed change would remove a close and valuable voice for the people of Antigonish and Pictor counties. A Representative that would probably come from an area as large as being proposed would not be familiar with the the local needs. 19(1)

19(1) Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the message of changes.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Proposed boundary changes

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/17/2022 8:07 PM

To: 19(1)

Hello 19(1)

Thank you for your submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol Moulaison

Commission Secretary

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

for Nova Scotia

Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 8:38 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Proposed boundary changes

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From: 19(1)

Date: Wed., Jun. 15, 2022, 9:54 a.m.

Subject: Proposed boundary changes

To: <ns-ne@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning 19(1) I am voicing my concerns over the proposed electoral boundary changes that are being considered.

First of all my concerns are not about personalities or elected officials but about compatibilities and alignment. We the People of Antigonish and surrounding area have by far more in common with neighbors from Pictou, New Glasgow and surrounding areas as compared to east of Antigonish in particular Cape Breton and Richmond area. We identify as community much more with New Glasgow and Pictou and surrounding areas. I strongly recommend leaving the boundaries as is, like the old saying goes "if it not broken why change it"

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully

19(1)

voice concerns

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 6:05 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

We feel that the current boundaries of Central Nova are much better than the proposed changes for Antigonish county. We have a strong affinity with Pictou and Guysborough counties, and this should be maintained.

Best,

19(1)

Hon. Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois, Chair
c/o Carol Moulaison, Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS
B4C 2N0

May 19th, 2022

To Email: NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
From Email: 19(1)

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I am writing to register strong opposition to the proposed boundary changes to the federal electoral boundaries for Nova Scotia that were published by the Commission April 27th, 2022.

I am specifically concerned with boundary changes between the two reconfigured proposed federal districts of Kings-Hants and Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston, most notably, the proposal to move the long established Kings-Hants boundary running along the Shubenacadie River to a new boundary running parallel to the NS HWY 102, adjacent to and splitting-up the East Hants communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford.

My understanding is the splitting of these four communities involves removal of about 8,050 residents from the proposed re-drawn Kings-Hants District and adding them to the new Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston District. While Sect 15 of the Act sets out that each district must correspond as reasonably as is possible to the electoral quota (currently 88,126), the cited Court interpretation of "effective representation" can reflect justified variations of + or – 25% from the electoral quota. A variation in voter parity in this specific case is justified to forestall negative impacts on these communities and the unnecessary disturbance of this existing boundary.

By returning the above boundary to run along the Shubenacadie River, the Kings-Hants electoral district will be well within the 25% guideline, but more importantly, effective representation will be restored by not arbitrarily dividing the four named communities which would have created confusion, lower voter confidence and reduced voter participation.

The following points highlight opposition to the specific boundary change and support for retaining the boundary along the Shubenacadie River in Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford.

1. The communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford in Hants County have little or no community affinity or ties with the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston district. Diligence should have affirmed that the Shubenacadie River forms an historic, natural

and workable boundary separation. These communities have no natural connection, common identity, communications activities or shared historical pattern with the new district.

2. 19(1) I can say the above impacted four communities have always been included with the rest of the Municipality of East Hants in their respective electoral boundaries at the federal or provincial level. An effective record of municipal, provincial and federal coordination of interests reflects in large part, the continuity and logic of electoral boundaries that has led to essential community infrastructures and an undivided business community. Hwy 102 has never been a boundary for any of these interests. The Commission proposal in effect will disconnect and disenfranchise (federal) voters in the separated communities.
3. The proposal unnecessarily complicates and burdens a grassroots initiative to get the Shubenacadie waterway nominated as Canada's 41st Canadian Heritage River System. Local volunteers from the communities effected, have been working with the MPs, MLAs and Councillors of the various jurisdictions along the river to build consensus to get the waterway F/P designated. The boundary proposal unnecessarily adds a 4th federal electoral district to this consensus process. The river has been a Mi'kmaq corridor for trade and settlement pre-colonialization and today, for fishing, recreation and healing. The river is the traditional boundary, not to be diminished as in the Commission proposal. Not to acknowledge this or delay the river's national recognition for its ecological and cultural diversity and history, "creates a cascading effect" or collateral damage to community-based interests.

Madam Chair, I agree with your statement that changing boundaries "is very difficult to do the balancing act," a reference to unintended consequences. In the specific instance of cutting-up the East Hants communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford for the exclusive benefit of adding electors to the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding, violates the principles of effective representation for thousands of residents. I respectfully submit the balance has not been met in this specific instance. I respectfully request the Commission reinstate the Shubenacadie River as the historically legitimate and only workable electoral boundary solution for Kings-Hants.

Respectfully submitted,

19(1)

Boundary review

19(1)

Fri 2/10/2023 6:14 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs,

We are writing to you to express our views regarding your upcoming review of the boundary commission report, specifically surrounding the the riding of South Shore-Saint Margaret's.

Halifax and St. Margaret's Bay are a community of interest and share much in common.

They vote for the same municipal council and share the same issues come election time.

The counties of Queens, Lunenburg, and Shelburne, are distinctly rural and are mostly made up of families who make their living on the water.

In contrast, the many communities found along the Bay – like Tantallon – have increasingly become suburban commuter communities for downtown Halifax, like Hammonds Plains and Timberlea.

These areas no longer follow the fishermen's way.

Tourism has overtaken the fisheries in economic importance in these areas whether it be the small businesses scattered along Peggy's Cove Rd or the rest shops for summer bikers on the St. Margaret's Bay Trail.

Your current proposal also respects the historical geographical boundaries of our area.

For over twenty years after the creation of Halifax West, the Eastern half of St. Margaret's Bay remained a part of Halifax West from [1976-2001](#).

Before this, the Bay had a long history tied to the Halifax region stretching back to Confederation when the region was comprised of the multi-member constituency of Halifax from [1896-1965](#).

The proposed boundaries have corrected a historic wrong and we are happy to say they better reflect this community of interest.

We ask that you maintain the boundary Commission's final report that maintains the heritage and history of the south shore.

I hope you consider our feedback as you continue to draft your proposal.

Thank you,

19(1)

Sent from my Galaxy

Central Nova - Antigonish

19(1)

Tue 5/24/2022 2:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I am hoping you will accept this email. We have just received in today's mail the information that we can contact you by May 23. This is May 24. This means all the Antigonish area will not get an opportunity to speak to this proposed electoral redistribution because of a late mailing.

Antigonish Town and County should be included in the Central Nova riding with our MP Sean Fraser. Having parts of the county shifted earlier to Cape-Breton Canso was bad enough, but removing all the residents of the town and county makes even less sense.

Historically and traditionally, Antigonish and Pictou counties have shared commonalities not aligned with Cape Breton-Canso. In juggling the population numbers and removing Antigonish from the riding, you propose adding the Sheet Harbour area. The residents of that area have more in common with Canso than Pictou County.

Please reconsider this alignment. We are proud to be represented by Sean Fraser who has many ties to both Pictou and Antigonish County, and has worked diligently to be involved in all aspects of both counties, regardless of partisan interests.. Cape Breton-Canso has many concerns that have nothing to do with Antigonish.

The people of Antigonish Town and County would be much better served by being included with Central Nova.

Fwd: ELECTORAL BOUNDRIES

19(1)

Thu 2/16/2023 2:04 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: 19(1)

Date: February 16, 2023 at 12:19:52 PM AST

To: NS-NB@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Subject: ELECTORAL BOUNDRIES

To: PROC@parl.gc.ca

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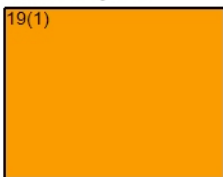
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I hope you consider my feedback as you continue to draft your proposal.

Thank you.



Feedback on proposed riding boundaries

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 11:45 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I include below my brief feedback on the newest proposed riding boundaries for Nova Scotia, particularly the ridings of Cape Breton-Antigonish and Sydney-Victoria. 19(1)

19(1) I have been degree of familiarity with both ridings and the communities in them.

Fundamentally, Cape Breton-Antigonish, as well as its predecessors Cape Breton-Canso and Cape Breton Highlands-Bras D'Or have been deeply impacted by the inclusion of Glace Bay and Dominion in the riding, instead of their inclusion in Sydney-Victoria. These communities share much more in common, both culturally and economically, with the communities in the Sydney area. Every MP representing the riding since 1997 has been from Glace Bay. Combined with the other riding being represented by MPs from Sydney, this concentrates the federal political power of all of Cape Breton into the core of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

In order to better represent the diversity of interests in Cape Breton, Glace Bay should be moved into the current Sydney-Victoria, and in exchange, the County of Victoria, the area around the Bras D'Or Lakes including Eskasoni, and northern Inverness County should be moved into Cape Breton-Antigonish. This would require a name change to Sydney-Victoria, possibly to Sydney-Glace Bay, the historical Cape Breton-The Sydneys, or Cape Breton-Industrial.

The rural economic nature of Victoria County and the Bras D'Or coast, with a focus on fisheries and tourism align much better with the Strait area and Antigonish County than with Glace Bay, and it would avoid the awkward cut-off of Northern Inverness County to keep the National Park in one riding.

Though this would be a very large riding geographically, it would also have a central population center in Port Hawkesbury, as well as a number of smaller communities where MP offices could be located. Western Cape Breton and the Mainland have been consistently under-served by Glace Bay-based MPs, with no permanent services provided. This has also generally been the case for Victoria County residents with Sydney-based MPs.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I am happy to discuss further.

19(1)

Redistribution Central Nova

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 5:06 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

This will serve as my opinion of my disagreement of the proposed redistribution of my Federal Riding Central

Nova to Cape Breton/Antigonish. This is not realistic representation.

Sincerely

19(1)

Feedback

19(1)

Wed 5/4/2022 8:23 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

The biggest thing that stands out to me with this proposal is that it is unapologetically racist. 19(1)

19(1) They should be part of the Cole Harbour or Dartmouth riding, period. Lumping them in with rural white communities will effectively extinguish what little voice they may have had. How did you not see this? It is so obvious and shows me that you did little to consider communities in NS and just shuffled numbers around. We could have hired a team of high schoolers to produce similar quality output. Bedford has no correlation whatsoever to Shubenacadie. They should be part of Hants. The South Shore is completely different than Halifax West with different needs and issues. I have lived extensively in both areas so I know this. I could go on and on. I understand the mathematical challenge of Cape Breton but there should be an exception there. They need two ridings that are completely on the island. My suggestion is that this proposal does not go forward and that you start over and come up with something not so radical.

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Sent from my iPhone

Issues with proposed new ridings

19(1)

Fri 2/3/2023 11:11 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom ever it may concern:

I just reviewed the proposed new riding and I'm not sure who the heck you have proposing them but they really need to learn local geography and demographics!

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and you guys have us put in with Pictou County. Where in the name of god did you think we have the same needs as the people in pictou! They will most likely saying the same thing about us.

Putting us in a riding that has many rural areas vs a riding that is one minute away!!!! I know you have to draw the line somewhere but this is ridiculous.

I will most certainly be attending the Public meeting and I bet there will also be a lot more. That's a huge riding for someone to represent and I don't think they will be able to their people justice! Maybe that's the idea!

Anyway that's my vent for the day!

Sincerely

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Comments re Proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 7:37 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia

May I offer my thoughts on the proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries. As a highlight, I feel a better alternative would be a have CBRM basically make up an urban riding, and the other riding be basically a more Rural Riding, perhaps including Antigonish (CB-Antigonish). You don't want two large communities like Glacé Bay and Antigonish as part of one riding. Geographically they are very separated, and I would think a real challenge to represent.

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I've been fortunate to explore all the Island has to offer. As currently proposed, I do not feel the boundaries are reflective of communities and their identities, nor have they been for the past several years.

Since 1995, the communities in the CBRM have operated as one, large municipality. Within the municipality, you have relatively urban communities in Glace Bay, New Waterford, North Sydney, Sydney, and Sydney Mines. While these communities all have their own identities, they are extremely interconnected when it comes to work, play and community engagement.

As it currently stands, Sydney-Victoria is the urban riding, with several rural communities like Northside East Bay, Ingonish, Pleasant Bay, etc. Cape Breton-Canso on the other hand, is primarily made of rural communities in Cape Breton like Inverness, Isle Madame, and Port Hawkesbury along with rural communities across the Causeway, like Mulgrave, Canso, and Guysborough. The issue with having large ridings shared between rural and urban communities is that often the urban community will be able to pull a lot more representation together come election time, resulting in rural communities feeling they do not have a large enough voice at the table.

The current proposed boundary change would result in no change to the Sydney-Victoria, but expand Cape Breton-Canso even further into Nova Scotia's mainland by inheriting the remainder of Antigonish. This would not only create an unmanageable riding for the sitting Member of Parliament but create further division between communities who have significantly different identities.

Based on the electoral quota of approximately 88k, I believe the Commission should explore adjusting the proposed boundaries to create two Cape Breton ridings, one rural, one urban, and do its best to keep mainland communities represented by mainland Members of Parliament.

I propose the urban riding, let's call it, **Sydney-East Nova**, consist of coastal communities in the CBRM including, Port Morien, Donkin, Louisbourg, Dominion, etc. As well as urban centres, the Sydneys, Glace Bay and New Waterford. Essentially you would be taking the provincial electoral boundaries of Northside-Westmount, Sydney-Membertou, Cape Breton East, Cape Breton Centre - Whitney Pier and Glace Bay- Dominion and creating one federal riding. The rural riding, **Unama'ki-Bras D'Or**, would consist of remaining rural communities in

Cape Breton from Millville, to the Highlands, Inverness County back down to Richmond County, as well as 4, rural First Nations Communities, Eskasoni, Potlotek, We'kokmaq, Wagamatook.

This proposal would allow for the ridings to be more representative of their communities shared needs and concerns. For the most part, Cape Breton First Nations communities would share the same riding, promoting allowing one representative to fully immerse themselves in the unique needs of rural and First Nations communities.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission. It's a vitally important part of the democratic process to engage community members voices in the boundaries proposals. I appreciate the opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

Comments on Proposed Redistricting for Nova Scotia

19(1)

Thu 5/5/2022 11:54 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I would like to take time today to bring to light my dissatisfaction with the proposed electoral boundary of Cape Breton - Antigonish.

Cape Breton has its own unique identity, and with that comes a set of challenges and issues unique and exclusive to Cape Breton. Lumping the town and county of Antigonish into this proposed riding over over 14,000 sq km would ensure, without a doubt, that our voices in Antigonish would no longer be represented to the fullest in Ottawa and in government as a whole.

Fortunately we have a sneak peak at the results of this proposed riding change, and through that, have the chance to stop this change before it is put in place for the next 10 years. Half of Antigonish county is already included in the standing riding of Cape Breton - Canso and as such many people who are part of that riding but live within Antigonish county feel as though their voices go unnoticed and unheard.

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19(1) leaving those in Antigonish county in limbo, trapped between two ridings feeling included in neither.

While I understand these changes are necessary to ensure the ridings don't exceed 25% of total population, I would encourage you to take a different approach such as creating a "Cape Breton" riding allowing those living on the island to have a unified and cohesive voice in government.

I would also recommend moving the entirety of Antigonish town and County, including the portions currently included in Cape Breton-Canso, into the current Central Nova riding to ensure that the voices of those on the island don't overwhelm those on the mainland.

Your committee has a job that I do not envy. Attempting to redraw the electoral boundaries in a nonpartisan way while still taking into account the societal differences among the different towns and counties within the riding is no simple task. I hope you take my comments into account before you make a final decision that would greatly and drastically change the voices of those in Antigonish.

Should you have any questions or would like more elaboration on anything included in this email please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your time,

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19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 11:59 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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Cole Harbour - Monday, June 13, 2022

My subject: 19(1) we

have been excluded on many levels from important decisions made for us, around us, about us and without "US". We need a clear understanding of;

1. Why the our District are being re-distributed at this time?
2. What the rationale for the choice of the are we're grouped with? (i.e.) Pictou?
3. What are the benefits to the Preston community?

Our voices need to be heard.

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Boundary change.

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 6:29 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

and wish to convey my disagreement with the proposed boundary change.

Antigonish and Cape Breton do not have enough in common to be combined. It would be like asking Antigonish to join with Prince Edward Island. I am sure if we were to accept the boundary change, Antigonish would be forgotten about. We are mainlanders and have a different outlook, way of life and totally different concerns than islanders.

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(No subject)

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 6:39 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I am writing to express my thoughts around the proposed federal electoral boundaries.

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I've been fortunate to explore all the Island has to offer. As currently proposed, I do not feel the boundaries are reflective of communities and their identities, nor have they been for the past several years.

Since 1995, the communities in the CBRM have operated as one, large municipality. Within the municipality, you have relatively urban communities in Glace Bay, New Waterford, North Sydney, Sydney, and Sydney Mines. While these communities all have their own identities, they are extremely interconnected when it comes to work, play and community engagement.

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The current proposed boundary change would result in no change to the Sydney-Victoria, but expand Cape Breton-Canso even further into Nova Scotia's mainland by inheriting the remainder of Antigonish. I am strongly opposed to this change, as it would not only create an unmanageable riding for the sitting Member of Parliament but create further division between communities who have significantly different identities.

Based on the electoral quota of approximately 88k, I believe the Commission should explore adjusting the proposed boundaries to create two Cape Breton ridings, one rural, one urban, and do its best to keep mainland communities represented by mainland Members of Parliament.

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This proposal would allow for the ridings to be more representative of their communities shared needs and concerns. For the most part, Cape Breton First Nations communities would share the same riding, promoting allowing one representative to fully immerse themselves in the unique needs of rural and First Nations communities.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission. It's a vitally important part of the democratic process to engage community members voices in the boundaries proposals. I appreciate the opportunity.

Best,

19(1)

Comment from Central Nova

19(1)

Fri 5/27/2022 2:24 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good afternoon,

I am writing to share my feedback about the proposed changes to the federal election boundaries in Nova Scotia. 1

19(1) The proposed changes have significant changes for Antigonish, which I believe could have a detrimental effect on the growth of our region.

The communities of interest between Cape Breton and Mainland Nova Scotia are significantly different. Antigonish more closely aligns with our neighbours in Pictou County, especially as it relates to tourism and economic development. Cape Breton has seen significant investment in federal funding over the past number of years, all of which is well deserved. However, it is my fear smaller communities like Antigonish would miss out on future funding opportunities when we are trying to compete with large scale projects in Cape Breton. Our community narratives do not align, which would provide an incredible challenge for any MP who must represent their region.

I also believe that the data being used for the proposed redistribution does not reflect the post-pandemic population distribution. Since 2020 and the shift to working from home our region has seen a massive influx of migration from people from Halifax, Ontario and Alberta move to Nova Scotia. I would like to see a review of the census data to ensure it is accurate before a final boundary decision is made.

Thank you for your time and consideration,


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Boundaries Proposal Submission

19(1)

Sat 6/25/2022 2:07 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

 1 attachments (272 KB)

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EBC-Submission.pdf;

Dear Federal NS Electoral Boundaries Commission members,

I have attached my proposals and reflections regarding the proposed Cape-Breton-Antigonish riding and concerns I heard expressed at the Antigonish consultation. I think you are on the right track in placing Antigonish in a configuration that places it with Cape Breton communities. I hope you will get a chance to consider some of these alternatives.

Wishing you all the best in your deliberations!

Take Care,

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Electoral boundaries

[19(1)]

Tue 5/31/2022 1:04 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent from my iPad.

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[19(1)] We see no reason or benefit to join Cape Breton -Canso as we are more connected to Pictou County than any other county. [19(1)]

[19(1)]

[19(1)] Another reason why we do not want our area to be changed. It doesn't seem very long since we were combined to become Central Nova and do not feel it necessary to change our region again. [19(1)]

Sitting of Kings Hants

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 5:16 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good afternoon,

I am going to voice my opposition to the splitting of Kings Hants, removing the communities of Elmsdale, Enfield, Lantz and parts of Milford. These communities are vital and part of the fabric of Hants County, especially in our East Hants sector. This will cause confusion, and to some degree division in East Hants. The lack of communication prior to this is also very disturbing to me as it's the public who are affected, and have had no voice in the process thus far. I hope this is reconsidered before splitting up communities who historically and to this day all are vibrant participants in Kings Hants!

Regards,

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Redistribution, Federal Electoral District

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 2:18 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

 1 attachments (149 KB)

Boundary Redistribution.pdf;

Attention: Ms. Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
P.O. Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Dear Ms. Moulaison,

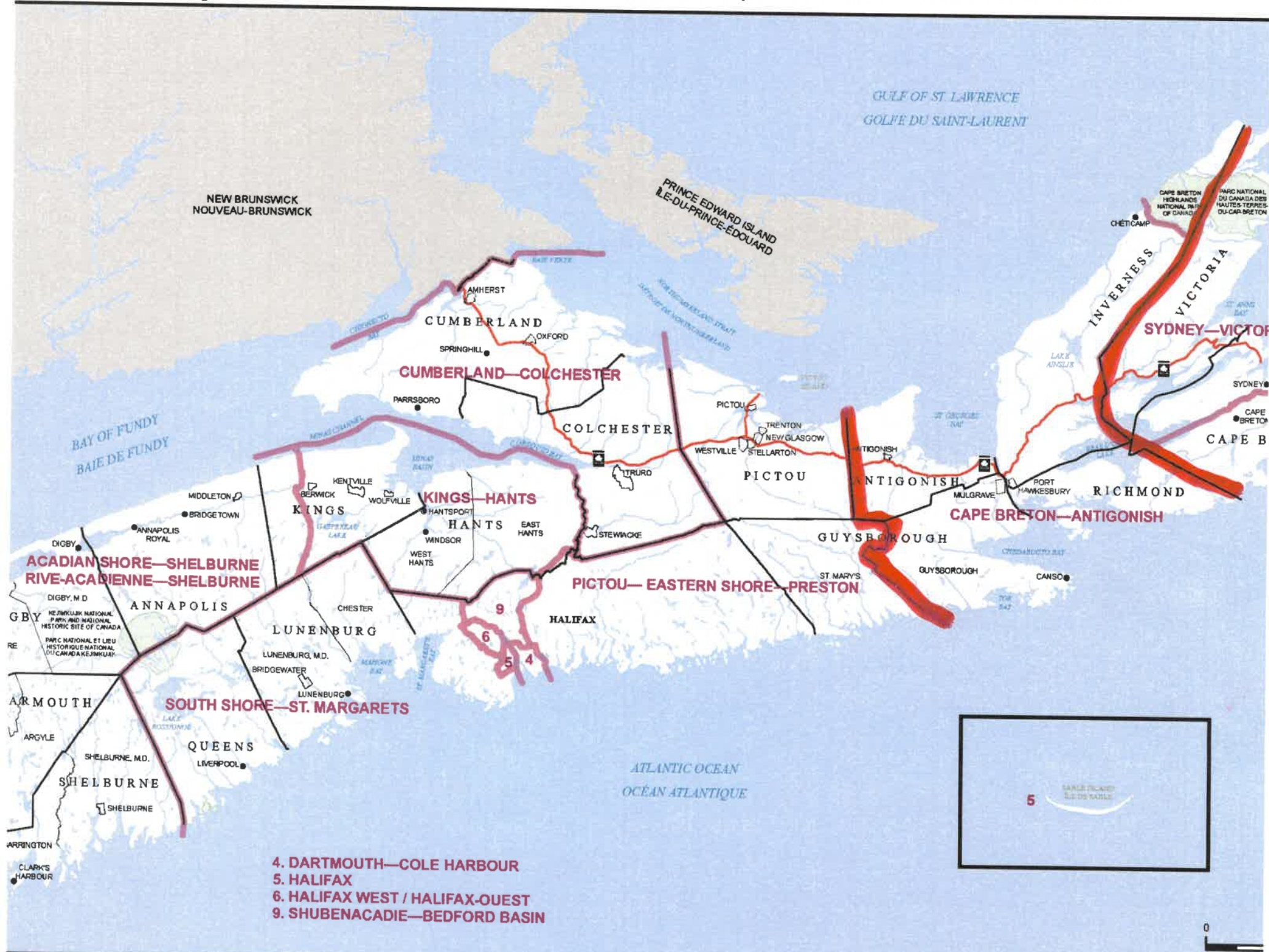
As a business operating in the Strait of Canso Region, I ask that a federal electoral district be created that adequately reflects the shared interests on of our region. Our interests are not always aligned with the interests of Cape Breton County.

The Strait of Canso Port is one of the finest deep water ice free Ports on the eastern seaboard of North America. Having a federal riding with the Port as a focal point will provide the political focus to utilize the many attributes of the Strait Area to grow Canada's marine export capability. This combined with the shared interest of the four counties bordering on the Port the nations will result in more meaningful regional representation in Ottawa.

We therefore suggest that the new boundaries reflect Cape Breton County and Victoria County as one riding and the counties of Guysborough, Antigonish, Inverness and Richmond as one riding. Attached is a map identifying the suggested boundary.

Regards

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Ferguson's Cove

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 9:25 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I would like to state my objection to Ferguson's Cove being included in the electoral boundaries of South Shore, St. Margarets Bay. Our community is, and has always been, linked to HRM. We overlook Halifax Harbour and certainly relate more to HRM, Purcell's Cove. This needs to be reviewed! 19(1)

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Boundries

19(1)

Wed 5/25/2022 2:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you about the possible change in electoral districts.

I believe we the people on mainland Guysborough area should not be consider part of the Cape Breton Island electoral district. There is a causeway that divides us which means we are mainland Not Cape Breton

This is my opinion.

Proposed change in boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 2:58 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern:

19(1)

I oppose the proposed change in boundaries for federal purposes. We, in Antigonish County, have nothing in common with Cape Breton and from our experience from the last redistribution of boundaries I can confidently state that people on the west side of the Canso Causeway are not well served by such a boundary. I am not criticizing the MPs, I am stating that common issues and NOT the geographical territory and number of people is a more reasonable base. Why can we not have all of Antigonish County and perhaps Pictou County in the same jurisdiction? There are different rules and populations in boundaries in all of Atlantic Canada and we should be able to be included in a boundary that makes sense to us based on issues.

Respectfully,

19(1)

NO!!!! To Electoral Boundaries recommendations

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 12:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

The recommendation put forward to reassign Antigonish Town and County to the constituency of Cape Breton - Canso is the MOST REDICULOUS proposal...I ask "Is there even one person on this Commission who is truly familiar with this geographical area??? It would actually mean our constituency agreeing to give up the most determined and most productive Member of Parliament in a great many years! The idea would be laughable, if not so serious. Many, many people in this area will, I feel, choose NO VOTE in the next election if this proposal is finalized by the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to have this seriously reviewed and hopefully REVISED immediately

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Boundary change

19(1)

Sat 5/21/2022 9:22 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

19(1)

EXTREMELY opposed to the electoral boundary change for the Antigonish area now represented by Sean Fraser. We STRONGER wish to stay in Sean Fraser riding.

Respectfully,

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Proposed boundary changes in Cape Breton and north eastern Nova Scotia

19(1)

Fri 6/24/2022 1:50 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Federal Electoral Boundary Commission

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Provincially we have been part of an Inverness County riding, part of a riding which just included Southern Inverness County, part of a riding that was included in Guysborough County, Part of a riding which was included in Richmond County and now back with Inverness county.

Federally we have been in the riding of Cape Breton Highlands Canso which included all of Antigonish town and county and now in a riding with Glace Bay.

I have seen the Strait Area go from a fast developing area to become stagnated and economically damaged because of political neglect. We are the main commercial community and the natural hub of the deepest ice free harbor in this part of the world but we have had no representation to develop this area to its potential since the period of Allan MacEachern and Lawrence O'Neil who worked to represent this area.. If this port were promoted and allowed to develop it would benefit the entire area.

A riding made up of the four counties of the Strait Area, would give the area a voice in Parliament whose focus could be developing the area and not centered in Glace Bay which has its focus on Sydney harbor or an Antigonish Pictou riding which would concentrate on New Glasgow. Federal ridings should represent different and unique areas. The Strait area does not share interests with the Sydney area or the New Glasgown area.

The counties of Richmond, Guysborough, Inverness and Antigonish share common interests to develop the Strait of Canso to improve our economic and cultural future.

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Boundary Commission Final Report

19(1)

Wed 2/15/2023 1:18 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I recently wrote a letter (appended) to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs regarding the boundary changes for South Shore St Margaret's.

Sophia Nickel, Clerk of the Committee recommended I contact your office.

Please find my initial email, as well as her response pasted below.

Hopefully, you'll review and consider my position.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to review my letter.

Sincerely,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: ~Procedure & House Affairs/Procédure et affaires de la Chambre
<PROC@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: RE: Boundary Commission Final Report

Date: February 10, 2023 at 5:41:05 PM AST

To: 19(1)

Hello 19(1)

Thank you for contacting the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs with regard to their study on the Federal Electoral Boundary Commission Report for Nova Scotia.

Unfortunately, the Committee is unable to take your submission into account. Under the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, the Committee's mandate is to hear objections from Members of Parliament and to report those objections back to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia. Then, the Commission will consider MPs' objections and prepare a final report outlining the new electoral boundaries.

We recommend that you contact the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia to voice your concerns. Contact information can be found here: [Contact information for the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia](#)

Sincerely,



Sophia Nickel
Clerk of the Committee | Greffière du Comité
Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs |
Comité permanent de la procédure et des affaires de la Chambre
PROC@parl.gc.ca

From: 19(1)
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:41 PM
To: ~Procedure & House Affairs/Procédure et affaires de la Chambre
<PROC@parl.gc.ca>
Subject: Boundary Commission Final Report

Dear Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs:

I am writing to you to express my views regarding your upcoming review of the Boundary Commission Report, specifically surrounding the riding of South Shore Saint Margaret's.

Halifax and the eastern portion of St. Margaret's Bay are a community of interest and share much in common.

They vote for the same municipal council and share the same issues come election time.

The many communities found along the Bay – like Tantallon, Hammonds Plains and Timberlea – have increasingly become suburban commuter communities for downtown Halifax.

These areas no longer follow the fishermen's way.

Tourism has overtaken the fisheries in economic importance in these areas, whether it be the small businesses scattered along Peggy's Cove Rd., or the rest shops for summer bikers on the St. Margaret's Bay Trail.

In contrast, the counties of Queens, Lunenburg, and Shelburne are distinctly rural and are mostly made up of families who make their living on the water.

The current Boundary Commission Report also respects the historical geographical boundaries of our area.

From 1976-2001, over twenty-five years after the creation of Halifax West, the Eastern half of St. Margaret's Bay remained a part of Halifax West.

Before this, the Bay had a long history tied to the Halifax region stretching back to Confederation, when the region was comprised of the multi-member constituency of Halifax from 1896-1965.

The proposed boundaries in the Commission's final report have corrected a historic wrong and I am happy to say they better reflect these communities of mutual interest.

I respectfully ask that you maintain the Boundary Commission's final report which respects the heritage and history of the South Shore.

I appreciate you considering my feedback as you continue to draft your proposal.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Fwd: South Shore St Margarets boundary changes

19(1)

Mon 2/20/2023 2:05 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From:

19(1)

Date: February 20, 2023 at 1:20:57 PM AST

To: PROC@parl.gc.ca

Subject: South Shore St Margarets boundary changes

Dear Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs,

I am writing to you to express my views regarding your upcoming review of the Nov 17/22 boundary commission report, specifically regarding the riding of South Shore-Saint Margaret's.

Halifax and eastern parts of St. Margaret's Bay are a community of interest and share much in common. The Bay had a long history tied to the Halifax region stretching back to Confederation when the region was comprised of the multi-member constituency of Halifax. After the creation of Halifax West, until 2001, the Eastern half of St. Margaret's Bay remained a part of Halifax West.

They vote for the same municipal council and share the same issues come election time. The many communities found along the Bay, like Hammonds Plains, Tantallon and Timberlea, have increasingly become suburban commuter communities for downtown Halifax. Tourism has overtaken the fisheries in economic importance in these areas, whether it be the small businesses scattered along Peggy's Cove Rd or the rest shops for summer bikers on the St. Margaret's Bay Trail.

On the other hand, the counties of Queens, Lunenburg, and Shelburne, are distinctly rural and the predominant culture relates to making a living on the water.

The recently proposed boundaries have corrected an historic wrong and I am happy to agree they better reflect this community of interest.



I ask that you maintain the Boundary Commission's Nov 17/22 report that maintains the heritage and history of the south shore.

Please consider my feedback as you continue to draft your proposal.

Thank you.

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19(1)

Tue 5/17/2022 9:47 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

Antigonish - Tuesday, May 31, 2022

My subject: We are part of the Antigonish riding that is in the riding of Cape Breton Canso which only consists of 10% of the whole Federal riding. I was part of the last appeal process where they used the Lower South River behind one of our farms as the boundary for this riding. We were against this change and we used the fact Our county was divided into two ridings we wanted to be kept as one . The changes went through. We are concerned that we will still be divided and with Cape Breton Thanks

19(1)

electoral boundary review for NS

19(1)

Sat 2/11/2023 10:39 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: PROC@parl.gc.ca <PROC@parl.gc.ca>

Further to the note from the ~Procedure & House Affairs/Procédure et affaires de la Chambre PROC@parl.gc.ca, below I attach the note I send to them.

**Hon. Peter L. McCreath, PC, DCL, MA
Hubbards, Nova Scotia, B0J1T0**

Dear Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs,

I am writing to you to express my views regarding your upcoming review of the boundary commission report, specifically as respect to the riding of current riding of South Shore-Saint Margaret's.

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Our community of Hubbards is, in fact, and has been for some time born the municipal boundary line between Lunenburg and Halifax County. 19(1)

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19(1) From the Ingrahamport River south, we are very much a part of the South Shore, which in fact runs through to the end of the county line between Barrington and Yarmouth Counties. In my view, the Commission most wisely in their final recommendations returned Shelburne County to the South Shore riding, and maintained the area surrounding St. Margaret's Bay within the South Shore Riding.

Halifax and St. Margaret's Bay are a community of interest and share much in common.

They vote for the same municipal council and share the same issues come election time.

The counties of Queens, Lunenburg, and Shelburne, are distinctly rural and are mostly made up of families who make their living on the water.

In contrast, the many communities found along the eastern side of St. Margaret's Bay – from Tantallon eastward – have increasingly become suburban commuter

communities for downtown Halifax. They have more in common with the suburban communities of Halifax. I refer, of course to communities such as Upper Tantallon, Hammonds Plains and Timberlea. While each community in southern Nova Scotia has its own character, there is a certain commonality, based on our access to the ocean, which is not the case with those to the east which are logically a part of suburban western Halifax.

While fisheries, forestry and South Shore Tourism retain the commonality of our South Shore region, the communities to the east have increasingly become what they are: real suburbs of Halifax. I attended and participated in the public hearing held by the Boundary Commissioners, who in their initial draft had removed Shelburne County from our riding and effectively changed the riding to be a split, thus making it a combination: part of the South Shore and part of suburban Halifax. As all of those who make presentations before that commission's public hearing held in the riding in Bridgewater stated, this initial proposal simply did not make sense to split the South Shore riding: effectively creating two half very different ridings within the legal umbrella of one. Obviously, I am pleased to have noted that in its final report, the commissioners had listened to those who came before them, all of whom effectively reflected what I have said here, and reconstituted the South Shore riding as what it has been for half a century. And, I note the commissioners wisely included the western part of St. Margaret's Bay which is appropriately, within the South Shore riding.

Clearly, in my view, 19(1)

19(1) the proposed boundary lines in your final report clearly reflect logical boundaries for our constituency. Indeed, you're the commission's proposal clearly respects the historical and geographical boundaries of our area.

19(1)

Mon 6/27/2022 11:09 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Attention: Ms. Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Dear Ms. Moulaison:

19(1) I ask that a federal electoral district be created that reflects the shared interests of my region.

Current federal electoral boundaries allow the population of Cape Breton County to dominate the outcome of our elected representatives in both Cape Breton Canso and Cape Breton Victoria. Proof of this is the fact that Cape Breton Canso has had a representative from Cape Breton County since the riding was created in 1997.

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Thank you for your time,

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Proposed boundary change

19(1)

Sat 5/14/2022 12:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear members of the Commission

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Antigonish County and Pictou County have built a partnership working together for years, to improve the quality of life for their constituents. Small towns, rural living, farming, fishing and forestry are shared concerns for both. I feel strongly that all of Antigonish and Pictou Counties would be better served as one riding. Please reconsider the proposed combining Antigonish with Cape Breton, and instead, combine all of Antigonish town and County with all of Pictou County in the North Nova riding.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

To: PROC@parl.gc.ca

Dear Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs,

I am writing to you to express my views regarding your upcoming review of the boundary commission report, specifically surrounding the the riding of South Shore-Saint Margaret's.

Halifax and St. Margarets Bay are a community of interest and share much in common.

They vote for the same municipal council and share the same issues come election time.

The counties of Queens, Lunenburg, and Shelburne, are distinctly rural and are mostly made up of families who make their living on the water.

In contrast, the many communities found along the Bay – like Tantallon – have increasingly become suburban commuter communities for downtown Halifax, like Hammonds Plains and Timberlea.

These areas no longer follow the fishermen's way.

Tourism has overtaken the fisheries in economic importance in these areas whether it be the small businesses scattered along Peggy's Cove Rd or the rest shops for summer bikers on the St. Margaret's Bay Trail.

Your current proposal also respects the historical geographical boundaries of our area.

For over twenty years after the creation of Halifax West, the Eastern half of St. Margarets Bay remained a part of Halifax West from 1976-2001.

Before this, the Bay had a long history tied to the Halifax region stretching back to Confederation when the region was comprised of the multi-member constituency of Halifax from 1896-1965.

The proposed boundaries have corrected a historic wrong and I am happy to say they better reflect this community of interest.

I ask that you maintain the boundary Commission's final report that maintains the heritage and history of the south shore.

I hope you consider my feedback as you continue to draft your proposal.

Thank you.

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Rezoning of Antigonish

19(1)

Sat 5/14/2022 2:06 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good afternoon,

Antigonish should and must be kept as a part of the Highlands Antigonish Pictou area. In fact anyone who knows anything about Nova Scotia is well aware the Cape Breton and our wonderful "Capers" are an identity unto themselves. They rightly have different and separate concerns from those of the mainland.

I am against the rezoning and furthermore ask that Cape Breton have its own representation while all of Guysborough and Antigonish join in with those areas of Pictou needed to create the population demographic needed.

Presently those sections of Antigonish county and Guys. county which were joined with Cape Breton is absolutely not working. The people are upset and it is not justifiable in my opinion.

Please let me know the contact information for a representative who I can invite here to address our concerns.

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Dear Government Representative,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my family's feelings on this matter. We wrote to you last May and I hope that you have retained that letter for review. And with so many other folks we joined the group at the Micro Hotel in Antigonish regarding our desire to keep Antigonish Pictou as one federal boundary with the recommendation to add Port Hawkesbury and surrounding area.

We understand that we need to keep these boundaries intact and join with a portion of CB in order to produce the population expectation. I believe that it is crucial for our likeminded communities to have a voice in Parliament that truly reflects our unique needs and concerns.

Antigonish and Pictou are distinct regions with their own unique cultural and economic identities. They are home to vibrant communities, strong industries, and important institutions such as St. Francis Xavier University and the Pictou Shipyard. As such, it is essential that these regions have dedicated representation in Parliament to ensure that their interests are being heard and addressed.

Antigonish also serves much of Port Hastings, Port Hawkesbury and up to St. Peters.

Dividing Antigonish, Port Hawkesbury and Pictou into separate federal ridings would risk diluting the power and influence of these regions. It would make it more difficult to coordinate efforts and advocate for the best interests of our communities as we are interchangeable in our services.

Furthermore, maintaining the federal boundaries of Antigonish and Pictou and embracing Port Hastings, Port Hawkesbury would ensure that these regions receive their fair share of federal resources and support.

With a single MP representing our interests in Parliament, we can be sure that our concerns are heard and that our needs are being met.

While it is impossible to create an ideal riding, but we believe that a boundary that encompasses Pictou, Antigonish, and Guysborough Counties with Port Hawkesbury (essentially representing Northumberland Coast-Strait) would have a community of interest and would reflect the centrality of the Strait to the futures of these areas.

I strongly urge you to reach out, like you did in May, and seek out a boundary that understand the region, is open to input from all stakeholders and will ensure that our communities have a strong voice in Parliament.

Sincerely,

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FW: Redistribution of boundary for South Shore- St. Margaret's and Halifax West

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Mon 1/30/2023 3:57 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing 19(1) to object in the strongest terms to the proposed redrawing of the federal riding boundary lines in the St. Margaret's Bay area.

St. Margaret's Bay is a community of communities, which share common objectives, history, cultural and economic interests. The east side of the Bay, proposed to be folded into the Halifax West, is quasi-rural in nature, with little in common with Fairview, Clayton Park, and other neighbourhoods which make up Halifax West. And with a much smaller population, this end of the proposed riding will no doubt receive little attention from federal officials.

I would also like to object to the lack of communication regarding this matter which has been undertaken on the eastern side of St. Margaret's Bay. 19(1)

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19(1) Without exception, this proposed change has come as a complete surprise to everyone with whom I have spoken. There has been no federally led consultation or community discussion whatsoever about this redrawing of these boundary lines.

I hope that this proposed redistribution will be overruled, or at the very least, that a decision regarding its adoption will be postponed until some responsible community consultation is undertaken.

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Change Cape Breton-Canso Boundaries

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From: 19(1)

Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2022 6:34 PM

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Subject: Federal Riding of Cape Breton Canso

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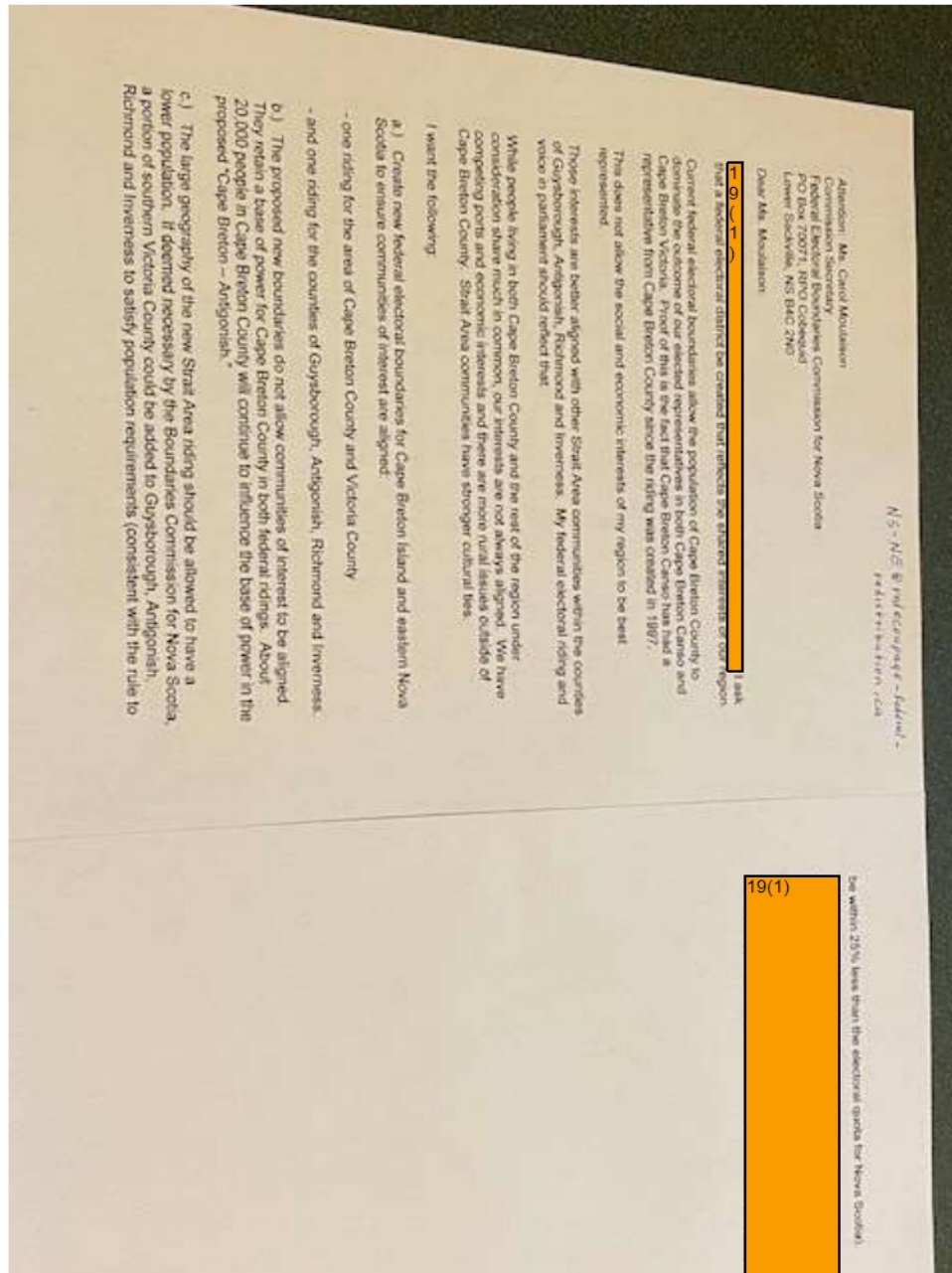
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Strait Area boundaries

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Election Boundaries

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Re: Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond, Inverness.

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Fri 6/24/2022 6:22 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Just another case in point.

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The lists go on!!

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My little story is no different than 95% of the folks in Guysborough & Antigonish counties.

Cheers & Thanks

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:32 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond, Inverness.

Attention: Ms. Carol Moulaison

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:14 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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Federal Electoral Boundaries

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Boundaries- request for change

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ORGANIZATION YOU REPRESENT (IF ANY):

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electoral boundary changes

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Re: Election boundaries

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 6/28/2022 9:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good morning:

Thank you for your submissions which have been forwarded to the commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:48 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Election boundaries

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New Federal Electoral Map Feedback

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Feedback on Proposed Boundries

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Sun 5/1/2022 2:57 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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Column for CB Post - submitted on May 16 2022.pdf;

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Dear Ms. Moulaison:

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It is my respectful submission that the commission should rethink several aspects of its draft, including the proposed Cape Breton-Antigonish constituency. Adding Antigonish into what is now the riding of Cape Breton-Canso could fundamentally alter the riding's centre of gravity. It also puts population hubs at opposite ends of a sprawling and somewhat disjointed riding.

There may be better options that would involve some change to the Sydney-Victoria riding, including a constituency that might possibly include Sydney, the suburbs of Sydney, New Waterford, and Glace Bay in the same riding -- to create a riding centred on the largest multicultural post-industrial urban hubs of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. It would also put most of the Cape Breton University population in the same riding. If part of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality needs to go elsewhere, it could maybe be the Northside.

The attached column also offers a few other areas of concern.

The commission appears to have been too rigid in trying to bring constituency populations very, very close to the average. Somewhat more flexibility could have been allowed, while still remaining within the acceptable range. Representation by population is an important factor, as per, for example, the Carter decision. But communities of interest, distinctive rural representation (as opposed to rural areas attached to large suburban areas), geographic cohesiveness, and contiguity of travel within a riding also carry weight.

I would urge the commission to rethink its draft.

Yours sincerely,

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Boundry

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Fri 5/13/2022 12:31 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Please be advised, that I for one disagree of any part of mainland NS being lumped in with Cape Breton Canso. Makes no geographical sense to do so. For what possible advantage or cost savings could there be. The MLA almost always resides near by this district.

Regards

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Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/17/2022 1:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

I like to take a moment to express my dissatisfaction with a proposal to move Antigonish Town, County and surrounding communities into the riding of Cape Breton -Canso. This proposed shift of aligning our community with Cape Breton and making Sydney the focal point of our riding does little to enhance economic development in our area. Our provincial government started down this road several years ago and citizens of this area are more often than not being sent to Sydney for medical appts and other services. People in this area have a wonderful hospital in this community and for many years were sent to Halifax when more complex medical issues arose. Our social and quite often our support services, family, live in the Halifax area and with access to 4 lane series 100 roads our commuting times are faster. There seems to be quite a push to develop two economic and service zones in this province one being Halifax the other Sydney

This push to make Sydney a regional centre is great for the citizens of Cape Breton Island. This drive by the province of Nova Scotia and now the Federal Government to add additional support to this configuration will see our area loose services and economic activity.

We have seen blood collection services that for years were screened in Antigonish are now shipped daily to Sydney sacrificing jobs and expediency for Antigonish citizens.

I don't think it will come as any shock to any politician that Halifax and surrounding area are undergoing an economic resurgence and Sydney economically is a shadow of what it was when Sysco, mining and heavy water were kings.

I know politically all parties are doing what they can to bring more economic activity to Cape Breton and I wish them well. I do feel, however, that the Antigonish area will be better served economically by building on natural alliance with Pictou County and the Truro, Halifax area

Sincerely

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Central Nova proposal

19(1)

Wed 6/29/2022 11:29 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Ms. Moulaison

I've run into issues with the interactive map so can't attach it but will do my best to describe my objections to the initial proposal for the realignment of Central Nova boundaries. 19(1)

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19(1) Geography, cultural, social and financial shifts that don't improve the current.

I did attend the public meeting in Antigonish and appreciated the opportunity to comment at the end of that time. I did have some notes to gain some information as I was unsure of how people were responding to the proposed changes. As our MP Sean Fraser spoke, he was checking off the items I was questioning. I found the public meeting a welcome format from Zoom and I think the quality of communication was enhanced by the face to face interaction - thoughtful and respectful. One of the speakers was the gentleman living in hope that he can get his family back from Alberta. I also heard positive thoughts about regional development opportunities. I believe the proposal will not help advance these.

I feel optimistic and engaged in sharing a region that has similar challenges that can be improved or assisted federally. The proposed district dilutes this with potentially 4 MP's to be working on e.g. a fisheries issue versus Elmsdale issues as a bedroom community reflecting urban sprawl and oriented to HRM issues. Deserving people all around but any MP has only so many hours to spend and a limit on budget for constituency offices. The amount of roadtime alone is unreasonable for an engaged representative. It moves me from having a voice to speaking in a whisper.

The proposed attaching of Pictou County to the urban bedroom communities means driving through the electoral district containing Truro to continue access through the new district. which would be a central meeting place for the new district except it's not part of the new district! I believe the North /South orientation would leave the Pictou County area and bedroom communities unintentionally under-served. I look at the image of the new areas and feel that the engagement I feel now will be lost as evidenced by the lack of input opportunity in Pictou County. Voices missing. The general idea that boundaries are reworked every 10 years is no consolation to losing this connection. Given the same logic , I wonder why Cumberland wasn't enjoined to Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties. Colchester and East Hants and bedroom communities are more closely connected in issues of the 101 corridor.

I don't understand why Pictou County would be inserted / annexed into a sprawling bedroom region away from our historic fishery neighbours on the Northumberland coast. On that alone, efficiencies are lost.

A candidate from Elmsdale is unlikely to have intimate knowledge of the fishery, the current Northern Pulp file, the 104 twinning. The proposal isn't reflecting a natural linkage and is breaking linkages to what advantage.

I could see Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties being linked Looking ahead to shifting growth, Cumberland County could be brought in or the area North of the TCH along Northumberland Shore

To get things done in rural communities, It's the volunteer sector that can make a difference.

Mobilizing volunteers for campaigns and the fundraising necessary to foot the costs takes time The proposed district would create an unwieldy disconnected population. Volunteer time is finite and to consume it in driving is a bigger cost than for a denser riding. Central Nova is already a geographical

challenge with winter. With higher senior population, even available drivers with good night vision becomes an issue - rural realities versus urban.

Who will run? How would the riding association fundraising associations disperse the funds they have now? Central Nova has a well defined rural connection. Attaching bedroom communities of HRM effectively turns a rural electoral district into a predominantly urban district. The population within the proposed district would favour the denser urban population. The issues are different. Current Central Nova would be losing our unifying collaborative efforts. I don't know that someone in Elmsdale could say when setting day is or have a concept of the seasonal sequence of the different fisheries and the economic impact of that. I could reference the alignment of Friends of the Northumberland with Pictou Landing First Nations when Northern Pulp attempted to register a pipeline into the Northumberland Strait. I question if someone from Elmsdale travels to PEI via the NB bridge or the NS ferry in Caribou. Rural supports local because they are more directly connected versus an urbanite who lives more anonymously I want an MP to understand history impacted by federal policies. There is going to be a new ferry. How much energy and effort would go into that acquisition? The 104 divided highway would not likely have been built Why? With the new proposal, the poor MP would be slammed with multiple municipalities far above the Halifax MP who deals with only HRM. I gave up counting municipalities for the new district proposal The elected rep needs to have a fair chance at addressing local concerns or there will be voter apathy, When I'm on a drive out in the communities ,I am seeing where the impact of an MP who talks, listens, actively promotes federal programs and assists with the process to access same can be seen, again and again - little community halls with facelifts and ramps to infrastructure investment in small harbours which allows fishers to invest and protect their livelihood. What about the potential for efficient continuity when there is a change in MP's? The proposed district would require more time to familiarize and prioritize the issues of the new district..

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I love my province and its uniqueness in the Canadian fabric..

My reaction is not in the number of people but the geography of the proposed area for anyone attempting to campaign and/or represent the area. The North /south slice versus east/west doesn't follow other boundaries such as Colchester/East Hants so more municipal and provincial calls and meetings would vie for the limited time. Next door in a Halifax riding, one municipality and whatever the provincial rep, public transportation for citizens to access the constituency there. The MP could walk the constituency - A stark contrast to the poor sod trying to wrangle the new district.. The routings to the communities in the riding would be time sucking and inefficient. How one person could be visible in the proposed communities is questionable. This would be a loss of connection. We've been fortunate to have Sean, Peter, Brian and Elmer investing in the face to face accessibility. A friend recently commented that she excuses not getting a doorstep visit in favour of seeing her MP Sean participating in a wide range of community events and accessible for networking and collaborations. This also comes to bear when considering the communities being added. Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties have a long history as rural cooperatives. I feel that just as we are making real progress as an electoral area that the new proposal interrupts this. Contrast the addition of bedroom communities whose faces are turned to HRM That is different culturally. I believe the electoral districts need to be lessened to the 60K for rural and urban connected be on the highest end for numbers. The workload of a rural MP compared to urban is off balance just with geography. If my words don't resonate, I'd ask that one of your staffers physically drive out scenarios for how logistics for any representative would be negatively impacted by the proposal. Please rework the plan for Central Nova to include all of Antigonish County and Guysborough County. Please also drop the population to the 60,000 or whatever brings us closest to that. Please also factor into that low number decision that the MP for Central Nova is responsive to the citizens who have second homes on this shore. They are not counted in the Census and add to the workload of an MP while not captured in

the census - another difference from bedroom communities. The numbers in current Central Nova alone would number in the hundreds. My little neighbourhood expands from a low of approximately 40 year round households to over 300 at the height! Secondary properties are being converted to year round as rural internet issues get addressed and folks who can work from home make the shift. The census isn't capturing that shift.

I can't imagine how you weight the various interests and wish you wisdom in your decision. I believe the panel listened closely and were receptive to the nuances that aren't evident on a one dimensional map. Thank you for the opportunity to add further comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Proposed NS Fed. Electoral Boundaries - Concerns/Feedback

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Tue 5/24/2022 1:35 PM

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We have already seen this with neighbouring districts that are already lumped in with Cape Breton. My parents live in Upper South River - physically far-removed from their Cape Breton-based representative. They never hear from any representatives for their area due to the physical realities of distance and geographic boundaries (rural mainland/causeway/island). Their interests do not hold much relevance to a representative so distant from their location and their lives.

I think these new boundaries will risk alienating people from the democratic process due to lack of perceived relevance and effectiveness. I think it will be dysfunctional, less democratic, and a big mistake. The proposed plan lacks wisdom, and I suspect you will hear similar thoughts from others who know this region.

Thanks for this opportunity to share my thoughts. I would appreciate hearing back from you, as I plan to stay engaged as this process unfolds.

Regards,

19(1)

Central Nova

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Sun 5/22/2022 5:38 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Sirs:

We would like to voice our concerns with the distribution of Central Nova and we are very please with Shaun Fraser as our representative.

Please let our concerns be voiced and let Central Nova as it stands be our political district.

Thank you.

19(1)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

RE: Request to appear and comments: proposed redistribution on behalf of the Hon. Sean Fraser, MP for Central Nova

DeWolfe.Savannah <Savannah.DeWolfe@cic.gc.ca>

Sat 5/28/2022 2:56 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thanks for your reply.

We understand. The small size of the room was one of the issues that MP Fraser raised, and if it is at capacity, this shows that is a genuine barrier to participation.

He is the MP for the area and whether that's for the next 3 years or for the next 30, it would be extremely helpful if he could have staff on hand to help take the feedback that constituents will raise. Please let me know if there is standing room, or any other way that the MP's staff could participate.

Thanks kindly,
Savannah

Savannah DeWolfe

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From: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent: May 28, 2022 2:53 PM

To: DeWolfe.Savannah <Savannah.DeWolfe@cic.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Request to appear and comments: proposed redistribution on behalf of the Hon. Sean Fraser, MP for Central Nova

Hello Savanna:

As you probably are aware, the Town Hall in Antigonish is quite small. Seating will be reserved for those have pre-registered as participants or observers. The deadline for registering was May 23, 2022. Carol

From: DeWolfe.Savannah <Savannah.DeWolfe@cic.gc.ca>

Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2022 2:39 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: RE: Request to appear and comments: proposed redistribution on behalf of the Hon. Sean Fraser, MP for Central Nova

Thank you so much Carol.

Are you folks OK if we send 2 staff members with him?

Best,
Savannah

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From: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent: May 28, 2022 1:05 PM

To: DeWolfe.Savannah <Savannah.DeWolfe@cic.gc.ca>

Subject: Re: Request to appear and comments: proposed redistribution on behalf of the Hon. Sean Fraser, MP for Central Nova

Hello Savannah:

Thank you for your email dated May 23, 2022 with attached submissions.

I confirm that the Honourable Sean Fraser is registered for the Public Hearing in Antigonish on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:30 in the Town Hall, 274 Main Street.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
of Nova Scotia
Phone 1-855-776-4107

From: DeWolfe.Savannah <Savannah.DeWolfe@cic.gc.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:51 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: Basinger.Lindsay <Lindsay.Basinger@cic.gc.ca>; Radchenko.Olga <Olga.Radchenko@cic.gc.ca>

Subject: Request to appear and comments: proposed redistribution on behalf of the Hon. Sean Fraser, MP for Central Nova

Good Evening,

Please accept the below comments on behalf of the Member of Parliament for Central Nova, the Hon. Sean Fraser. MP Fraser has also completed a Public Hearing Notice Form for the hearing being held on May 31 in Antigonish. Kindly advise if you require anything further from him to arrange for his participation.

Request to Appear and Submission on behalf of
The Hon. Sean Fraser
MP for Central Nova

Intro

Please accept this submission as a means to highlight certain challenges with the proposed federal electoral boundary redistribution in Nova Scotia, and to signal my interest in appearing before the in-person event taking place on May 31, 2022 in the Town of Antigonish.

The process of redistributing electoral boundaries is meant to allow electoral districts to shift as the Canadian population changes, and is governed by section 15 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (the “Act”).

Analysis

The Act requires the Commission to consider two categories of factors in determining the proposed boundaries. The first relates to equity in population, while the second relates to factors designed to ensure the proposed boundaries are reasonable, such as the historical links between communities within an electoral district, and the geography of the proposed district.

I. Population

The applicable legislation requires the Commission to make efforts to divide the Province into constituencies with populations that are “as close in population as is reasonably possible”. More specifically, the legislation indicates that the population of each federal district should be within 25% of the provincial average in either direction, with exceptions to fluctuate beyond that in extraordinary circumstances.

It is clear great effort went into creating a more equal division in terms of the population of each newly proposed federal constituency. In fact, it would appear that such care was taken to achieve population equity that no proposed riding comes close to exceeding the 25% threshold (in either direction) that is considered by the legislation as being the outer boundary of “ordinary”.

As such, there is little danger in running afoul of the legislative goals if accommodations are adopted to ensure the “reasonableness” standard outlined in the Act is met.

II. Reasonableness of Boundaries

The Rules

With sincere respect to the Commissioners, the proposal fails to adequately take into account the other legislative requirements, laid out in Section 15(1)(b) that ensure those boundaries are “reasonable”.

In determining what is “reasonable” when it comes to newly proposed boundaries, this Section of the legislation makes it mandatory for the Commission to consider:

- (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.

Links Between Communities

Communities of Interest/Identity

There are two main challenges with the proposed boundaries when it comes to the first of the two subsections under the “reasonableness” analysis.

The first is that the proposal separates Antigonish from the rest of the riding, specifically from Pictou County and the District of St. Mary’s.

There is a strong community of interest and community of identity between Antigonish and Pictou County, as well as Antigonish and the District of St. Mary’s.

Pictou County's connection with Antigonish runs deep. Both have significant indigenous communities and the historical connection to Scottish settlers continues to manifest itself in the Highland Games and Festival of the Tartans each year in the two communities. The region is served by higher education institutions like the NSCC campus in Stellarton and StFX University in Antigonish. People travel between these communities as a matter of routine. People from Sherbrooke will often go to Sobeys in Antigonish, people from Antigonish will visit New Glasgow to go to the movies, and people from all across the Northern Mainland of Nova Scotia visit neighbouring communities for appointments. Some health care professionals even maintain offices in both Pictou County and Antigonish in order to serve their client base. The communities view themselves to be connected, and separating them from one another electorally would not make sense.

In addition to the community of identity that clearly exists, there are significant communities of interest that ought to be considered. Along the North Shore of Nova Scotia, Pictou County and Antigonish share the same fishing area (LFA 26a). The issues that local community members raise often intersect, such as the need to twin Highway 104 between the communities. The economies reflect one another with a strong continued presence of primary industry in farming, fishing, and forestry. But, the small towns which are independent of Halifax in Nova Scotia have become growing sources of entrepreneurship that is based on serving the needs of the local community. The kinds of housing and transit projects that both communities are pursuing reflect one another. The tourism industry is represented by an organization (Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores) that serves a catchment area of the entirety of the existing federal constituency, and many of the issues that have demanded the attention of the federal government impact each of the communities in a similar way, such as the environmental assessment processes for proposed industrial projects that would have a potential impact on local beloved waterways.

The second challenge stemming from the proposed boundary adjustment relates to the fact that some of the proposed additions to the district that are closer to suburban Halifax have unique sets of issues that are distinct from the issues of greatest importance to the small towns and rural communities that make up the existing riding of Central Nova.

There are beautiful communities closer to the city that form part of the newly proposed riding. However, the housing, transit, and infrastructure needs of communities that lie on the outskirts of the City are not similar in kind to the projects being pursued in small towns in Northern Nova Scotia. The local issues that matter to people in Merigomish are often distinct from those that matter to people living near Cole Harbour or Hants County, and vice-versa. Serving a riding with a large population is not problematic. However, even with a small population, meeting the needs of multiple communities with distinct needs and unique local issues makes it more difficult for people to see their needs reflected in their local representative.

Historical Pattern of an electoral district in the Province

The Act also requires the Commission to consider the historical pattern of an electoral district in the Province as part of the "reasonableness" analysis. For most of our history since 1966, the federal riding that includes Pictou County has included some or all of Antigonish and Guysborough Counties. To eliminate Antigonish would not only divide well established communities of identity and communities of interest, but would also buck the historical trend of these parts of Nova Scotia voting together.

Manageable Geographic Size in sparsely populated, rural or Northern Regions

The geographic size of the proposed federal ridings is making it more difficult for a local representative in rural Nova Scotia to do their job effectively.

People in rural Nova Scotia still expect, and deserve, to see their representatives in person. This is particularly important given the continued challenges that many rural communities have with a relative lack of access to high speed internet either because of a lack of infrastructure, or lower than average household incomes.

It is an essential component of the job that a Member of Parliament show up and meet people in their communities in their homes, at the local legion, or at the Summer festival. The proposal for rural ridings in Nova Scotia would ensure that Members of Parliament for those ridings with large geographies are not as accessible to the voting public as urban MPs, even where they have a relatively smaller population. This issue is not unique for the proposed area that currently makes up Central Nova, but across the province. People in Arisaig are not pleased with the idea of being included in the same federal riding as Glace Bay, nor are people in Lismore happy to see themselves abut up against Cole Harbour.

Process

In addition to the substantive challenges raised in this submission, I would point out that no area within the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding is being included in the public engagement sessions. There are communities that feel strongly about the outcome of this decision that are not well served by transit and that often include households with lower incomes. Some of the area covered in the newly proposed riding include indigenous and African Nova Scotian communities who should not have any decisions made about their representation without their input.

Solutions

I don't wish to only raise objections, without pointing out that better options exist. First, it may not be necessary to change the boundaries too a significant degree given the wide berth the legislation provides to the Commission with a 25% buffer in either direction from the average population of a federal constituency before it would be considered extraordinary.

Second, there are opportunities to make adjustments that better reflect the communities of interest and identity and protect against unreasonable geographies if we break away from the practice of using municipal boundaries as federal electoral boundaries. If a federal district in Cape Breton is adjusted further into the mainland, it need not take up the entirety of the Town and County of Antigonish. Instead, it could be moved part way down into the County and similarly through part of the District of St. Mary's, as is the case with an existing provincial boundary. Similarly, if the existing riding of Central Nova needs to be extended westerly, it could be done along the Northumberland Strait without compromising the "reasonableness" aims of the legislation. To the extent such an approach impacts other ridings like Cumberland-Colchester, that constituency could be extended into other rural parts of HRM in a manner similar to existing provincial electoral boundaries.

If we accept that the boundary need not reflect a municipal border, the possibilities become plentiful to make necessary adjustments that do not compromise the communities of interest at stake, or the ability of a parliamentarian to provide effective service as a result of geography.

Best,

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Redistribution-2022 Central Nova

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 1:28 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Commission for redistribution of electoral boundaries in Nova Scotia:

19(1)

I am voicing my opinion on the redistribution of the riding of Central Nova. I am **NOT** in favour of the proposed redistribution: Cape Breton-Antigonish.

In the Commission's objective To redistribute ridings using a formula of: number of ridings (11) divided by population = a quotient of 88,126.

"In attempting to achieve this goal the Commission considers:

1. Community of interest, community of identity or historical pattern of an electoral district in the province."

This redistribution of our Central Nova riding to Cape Breton-Antigonish, certainly **IS NOT** reflective of the above statement.

I will leave an opinion, for reflection and consideration to the Commission:

Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough would better reflect the goal of achieving the above statement.

These areas give a quotient of 72,112.

I also suggest the Commission consider not splitting counties when redistribution is being outlined (within logical possibility), with the **community identity foremost**. At present, a community of Antigonish County is split between ridings.

(again the above quote from the goal of the Commission is not reflective)

Furthermore, Cape Breton Island deserves to be represented as such. There is 2 ridings : is it not possible to divide the Island by East & West (accumulating necessary population numbers from the east side and west side of CBRM respectively, to meet the necessary quotient numbers?

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Change in boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/31/2022 2:46 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Please keep all of Antigonish Town and County in Sean Fraser's Central Nova Riding

Thank you

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Proposal to change the boundaries of Central Nova Electoral District

19(1)

Tue 5/31/2022 6:03 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it may concern:

As residents of Pictou County, we would like to express our disappointment with the proposal to exclude Antigonish from our electoral district and in its place add Preston to our district. We feel that Antigonish, both town and county, have common concerns and lifestyle to that of Central Nova. We feel that Preston has little in common with Pictou or Guysborough counties.

We are concerned that our elected representative would be trying to represent the interests of very diverse communities and that our concerns would be brushed aside to appease the area of Preston which is much closer to the Halifax Region. Antigonish and Truro with their surrounding rural communities would be an excellent fit with Pictou County.

Hopefully you will consider our concerns in your decision.

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Electoral Boundaries Nova Scotia

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 2:01 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

First, let me say that I tried to use your interactive tool from the website to provide our feedback, but it was way too complicated 19(1)

We would like to provide feedback on the changes to the electoral boundaries which involve Antigonish Town and County in Nova Scotia. Our postal code is 19(1) We are absolutely not in favor of including the entirety of the Town and County of Antigonish into the same federal riding as Cape Breton. We are very happy with the boundaries as they are now in the riding of Central Nova. Surely some minimal tweaking could have occurred in order to accommodate population changes without such a significant change in boundaries.

The Antigonish area and the Pictou County area are culturally very similar and are close geographically. If we are lumped in with Cape Breton, as per the proposed changes, a representative in Cape Breton/ Sydney area would have little interest or time left for the Antigonish area. Furthermore, with the large population base of the city of Sydney and its many surrounding towns, it would seem unlikely that an Antigonish area candidate would ever be elected. Sean Fraser, our current MP, and those before him, have represented this area well and we feel strongly connected to our federal representatives and government. This will change profoundly, as the bulk of time, attention and funding will be demanded and given to the Cape Breton masses. That will be most unfair to this region.

We strongly recommend that you consider the drastic impact that these proposed boundary changes will have in this area and redraw the boundaries.

Thank you

19(1)

Changes to Central Nova riding

19(1)

Wed 5/18/2022 1:25 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca <sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca>

To Whom it may concern

I wish to express my displeasure with the proposed boundary changes to the Central Nova riding. Antigonish town and county are physically part of the mainland of Nova Scotia and as such it makes sense for us to remain in a riding that is based on the mainland and not based on the island of Cape Breton.

The proposed extension of the boundary to go up to the exit for Dartmouth Crossing makes no sense as this would be including significant urban areas of Dartmouth and environs. Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough counties are all predominately rural areas and have very little in common with areas of Dartmouth. No doubt, suburban Dartmouth voices would rule and rural voices would not be heard as they are now in our present riding.

Yours sincerely

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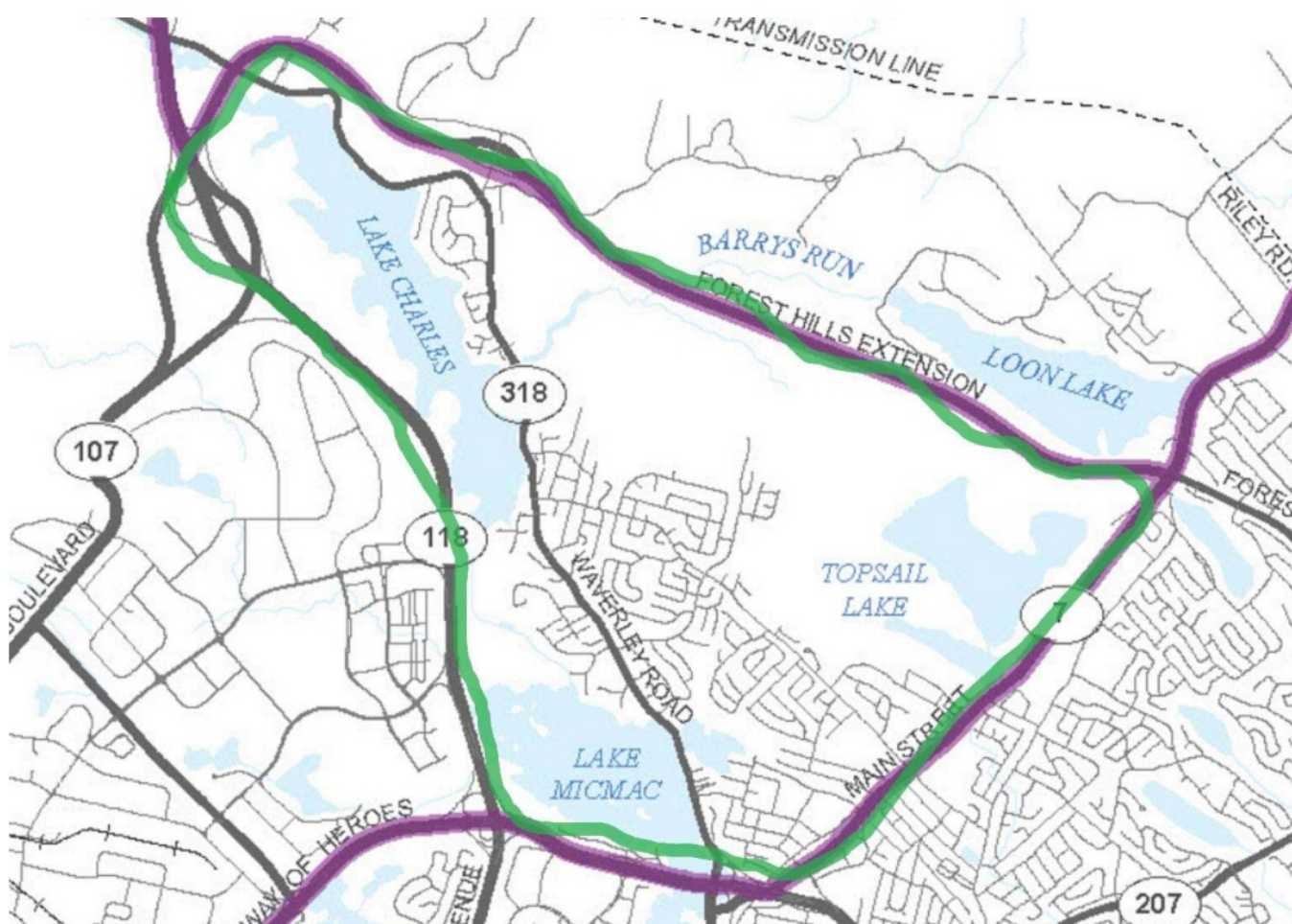
21 May 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia

RE: Redistribution of the Dartmouth Cole Harbour Electoral District

First I would like to acknowledge that the process of trying to readjust federal boundaries across Nova Scotia is a difficult problem, especially when the majority of the growth has happened in two ridings: Halifax and Halifax West. That being said, it is hard to understand why there were significant changes to the majority of the other ridings when they were within the allowable variance of population of greater than 66,095 but fewer than 110,158. It would appear that the intention to make every riding represent the electoral quota of 88,126 was more important than keeping communities together. I also understand that this first proposal was just that a proposal to invite comments. In that regard, I would like to offer the following observations.

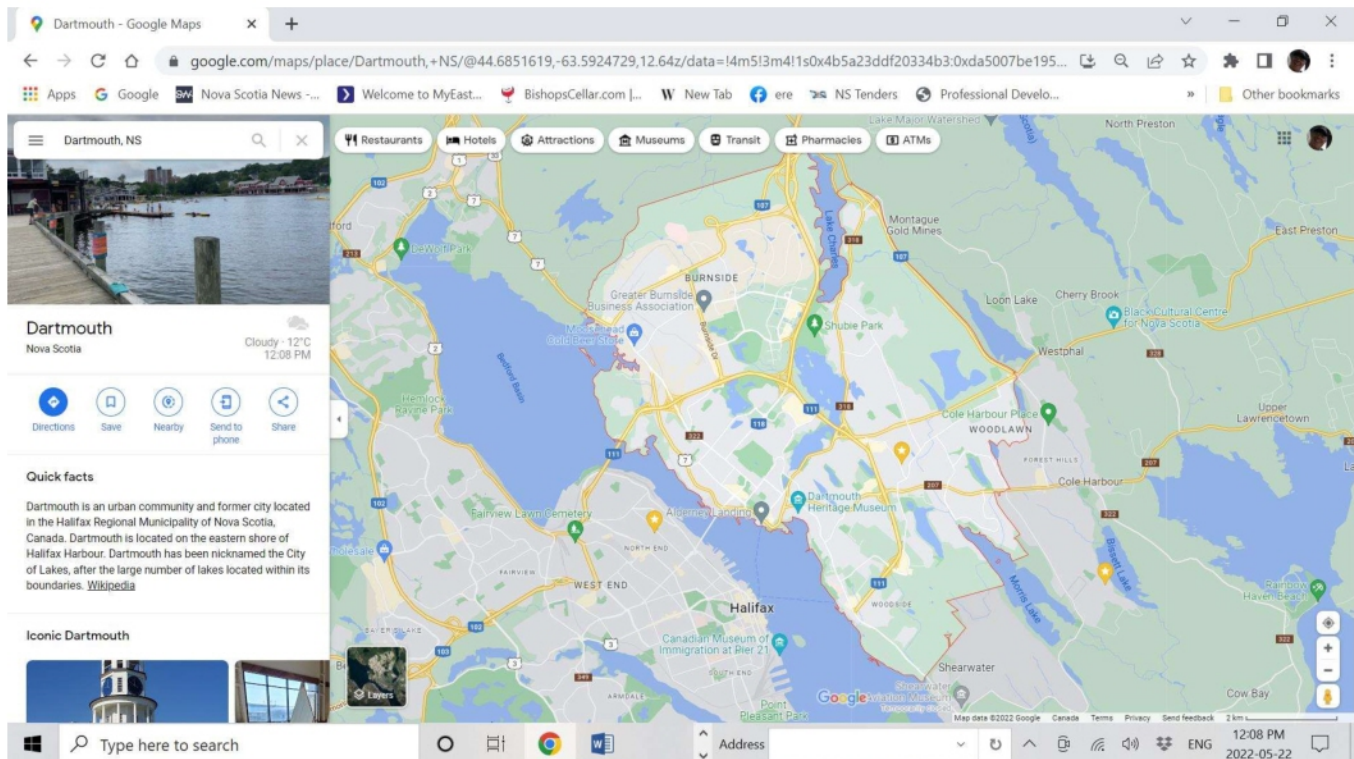
While I realise that making a change in one district will have a ripple effect on the adjoining districts, I will limit my comments to the District of Dartmouth Cole Harbour. At the macro level, it would appear that the community of Eastern Passage was added to the District while a significant portion of what has always been part of Dartmouth was removed. I speak of the neighbourhoods of Port Wallace, Montebello, Keystone Village and Tam O'Shanter Ridge. It is the area circled in green in the picture below.



The community described above has been part of Dartmouth for as long as I can remember. 19(1)

19(1) At the provincial level, it is part of the electoral district of East Dartmouth. In fact, the East Dartmouth Community Center is located on Caledonia Rd and is a key hub of the community. It's 5.3 km from the center of this area to the previous Dartmouth City Hall. By comparison, it is 9.8 km from the Fisherman's Cove in Eastern Passage to the same previous Dartmouth City Hall. These neighbourhoods have more in common with Dartmouth as a whole than Eastern Passage.

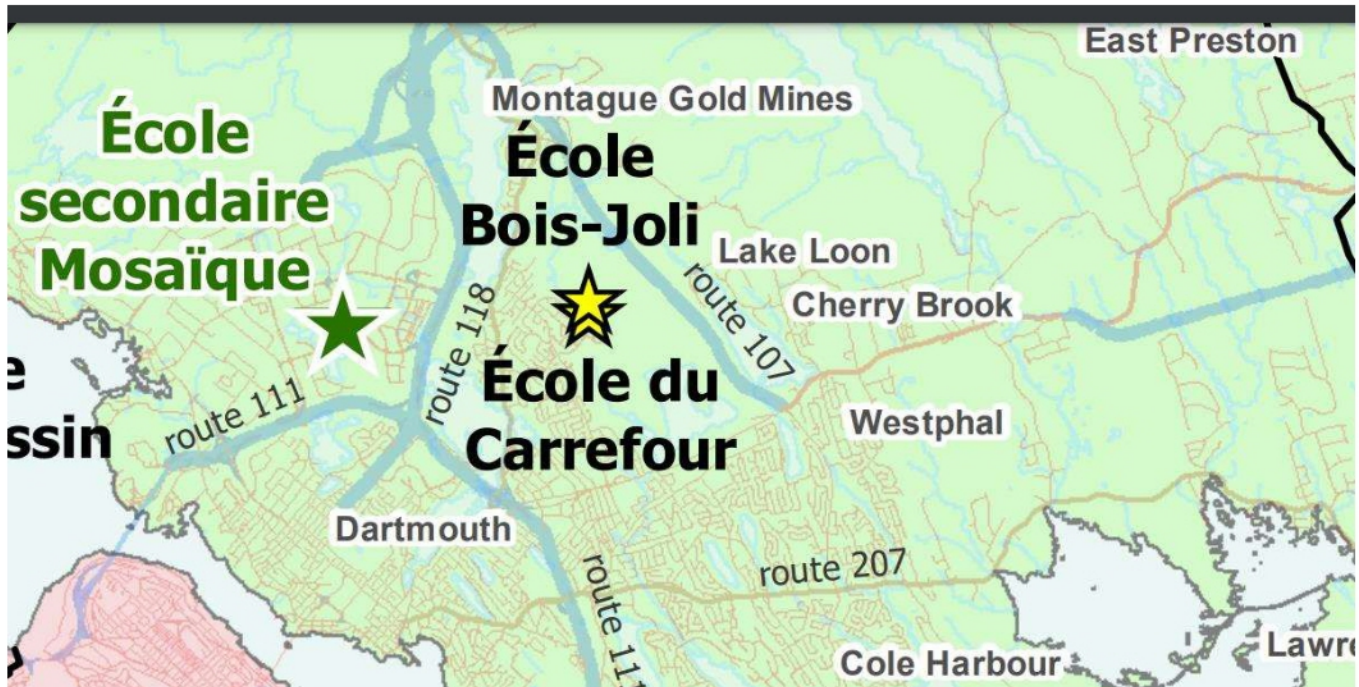
If you search for Dartmouth in google you get the following results. As it can be seen, the neighbourhoods I mentioned above are clearly included within the boundaries of Dartmouth whereas Eastern Passage is excluded.



Clearly from an historical and geographical perspectives, these neighbourhoods belong in the Dartmouth Cole Harbour District much more so than Eastern Passage. There is another reason why these neighbourhoods should remain attached to Dartmouth Cole Harbour and it is related to the Francophone community.

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19(1) Thirty years later, several more French schools have been opened in the Halifax area through the constant efforts of the francophone minority. École Bois-Joli offers K to 4, École du Carrefour now offers grade 5 to grade 8, and École Mosaïque grade 9 to grade 12. The following picture shows the location of these schools (copied from the website of the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial)



The offices of the Conseil Communautaire du Grand Havre, the organisation that organises activities for the francophone community, are located within these schools. The latest census figures indicate that 17% of the population of the Dartmouth Cole Harbour district is of French ethnicity. There is obviously a strong French presence in close proximity to these schools but that is not the only place where there are Francophones in Dartmouth Cole Harbour. The proposal to cleave that section of Dartmouth would essentially divide the francophone community of Dartmouth Cole Harbour. Our effective representation in the separate district would be substantially diminished given that Francophones would become a smaller percentage of the electorates of these districts.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend that the neighbourhoods described above remain within the electoral boundary of Dartmouth Cole Harbour.

19(1)

Cole Harbour Dartmouth

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 8:19 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

19(1)

We are separate communities with different interests, concerns, issues and problems. 19(1)

19(1) I can personally tell you that I speak from experience - our communities are very different.

I'm not sure the reasoning behind this move but I would like to clearly state that I do not agree or approve this change. You are basically cutting off a quarter of Dartmouth. 19(1)

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If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call 19(1)

Thank you

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Dartmouth Cole Harbour redrawing

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 12:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there, 19(1) I'm writing to express my concerns about the revisions that are being made to the riding that would see my neighborhood, Tam O'Shanter's ridge as well as a significant other number of neighborhoods in areas in Dartmouth be reassigned to a different writing than incorporates Bedford and Lower Sackville as well.

As I know you are also concerned about communities of identity, I feel that is important to express that the area in which I live in Dartmouth is very much part of the Dartmouth Cole Harbour identity and has much more in common with this part of the city than it does Bedford and Lower Sackville.

I fear geographically that there will be a loss of representation for myself and my neighbors, and others who live in the regions that are impacted by this change, as the MP responsible for this area would have a significantly large and varied riding to represent.

Dartmouth itself is not a large geographical or populated area, and therefore it makes sense for its entirety to remain within the Dartmouth Cole Harbour riding.

It does not make sense to me or many others that I speak with that it would be reallocated to be in part of a riding with two communities that are between 15 and 20 minutes away from where we currently are located.

People in my neighborhood generally don't participate in community events in Bedford and Lower Sackville, they don't use recreational facilities in Bedford and Lower Sackville, they don't attend restaurants in Bedford and Lower Sackville, they don't go to parks there either.

However people in my neighborhood do go to restaurants in Dartmouth and Cole harbour, they do go to recreational facilities in Dartmouth and Cole Harbour, they do participate in community events and cultural events in Dartmouth and Cole Harbour.

I urge you to please reconsider the redrawing of these lines to factor into account the communities of identity that exist within these neighborhoods and the importance of them remaining connected to one another.

Thanks so much,

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(No subject)

19(1)

Thu 6/2/2022 6:25 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dartmouth does not want to be part of Bedford it was bad enough when we were made HRM and we lost our indenity Don't do this

19(1)

Federal Riding Boundaries

19(1)

Fri 5/13/2022 8:14 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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am writing today to express how much I do not agree with the proposed changes of removing multiple communities from this riding.

The identified communities to be removed from the Dartmouth Cole Harbour riding belong "as is" with no changes.

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Dartmouth Cole Harbour riding and proposed changes

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 4:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I have learned that the Electoral Boundaries Commission is proposing major changes to my riding's boundaries, such as removing much of Dartmouth and all of the Burnside Industrial Park from Dartmouth—Cole Harbour and lumping it into Bedford and Sackville.

This proposal makes multiple major changes, such as removing the following neighbourhoods that currently identify as part of Dartmouth—Cole Harbour, including:

- Craighburn Dr area
- Lake Charles area
- Shubie Park area
- (Port Wallace) Breeze Dr, Montebello, Keystone, Avenue du Portage, and Unia Estates areas
- Westphal area
- Tam O'Shanter Ridge area
- Caledonia area
- Roleika Dr area
- Lake Micmac area
- Braemar Dr area
- Wallace Heights area
- Burnside Industrial Park

To those of us who currently reside in the Dartmouth Cole Harbour riding this is absolutely unconscionable. It's one of the most asinine ideas I have ever heard. We deserve representation from someone who lives in our unique area and not to be forced into another riding

Electoral Boundary Changes for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 6:00 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion on the proposed boundary changes for The Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding. I feel quite strongly that the proposed changes are not at all appropriate. The communities you are proposing to remove from the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding are far removed from Bedford and Sackville. Lumping these communities into Bedford and Sackville will put many of us in a riding we do not identify with (not to mention one our address literally does not align with).

This proposed change may make sense to someone who is not from here, looking at only a map for reference (i.e. without context), but the proposed boundary change does not make any sense whatsoever and I believe it would be detrimental to the residents of the subdivisions you would be excluding from the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding.

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The needs of my community are different from those in Bedford or Sackville. If these proposed changes went ahead, there would be a huge disconnect between my riding and the community with which I identify.

I hope you will reconsider this proposal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by replying to this email. Thank you for taking the time to read my email and consider my concerns!

Best regards,

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Federal Riding Boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 6:54 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Sir / Madam,

19(1)

just learned of the proposal to have our community boundaries changed to include us in the Bedford / Shubenacadie area. It only takes a glance at a map to understand we are definitely part of Dartmouth and should remain so. Our community has no alignment with Bedford or Shubenacadie and should remain part of the Dartmouth Cole Harbour riding where our interests are in harmony. Residents of Dartmouth are tired of being lumped in with other communities with little common interests.

Sincerely,

19(1)

New boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 9:41 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To:

Ms. Carol Moulaison

Commission Secretary, Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia

PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid

Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Dear Ms. Moulaison,

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour. Some of the neighbourhoods proposed for removal are indeed geographically linked to Dartmouth-Cole Harbour. These areas also share community resources.

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19(1) These families are definitely a part of and contributing members of the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour area.

I hope the federal planners for these proposed realignments will do the right thing in leaving the boundaries as they are and not isolate or pair our neighbourhoods with those with whom they have no history, culture or geographic ties.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Blessings

19(1)

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Dartmouth Proposed Federal Changes

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 6:48 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Afternoon,

Let's get straight to the point. Why are you considering lumping a good portion of Dartmouth ridings with Bedford/Sackville?

This is politically motivated for the benefit of one area only and that is not Dartmouth. You want areas of more identity then build and support it within Bedford and Sackville. Yes we are growing as a population but you need to make other areas affordable so they will actually locate there rather than taking away from what others have established. This proposal is beyond excessive.

Regards,

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Dartmouth -Cole Harbour

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 5/28/2022 11:33 AM

To: 19(1)

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your submissions dated May 27, 2022, which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
of Nova Scotia
Phone 1-855-776-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 10:23 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

Subject: Dartmouth -Cole Harbour

Un bref commentaire sur la proposition.

Le résultat net est une division de la communauté acadienne et francophone de Dartmouth en deux circonscriptions avec la circonscription rurale de Bedford Shubenacadie et non la circonscription urbaine comme c'est le cas actuellement. Ainsi, nous pourrions perdre un vote en importance aux yeux des électeurs et par la représentation des candidats ou des députés fédéraux.

Selon l'évolution historique de la Municipalité régionale de Halifax (MRH) et les études de Statistique Canada, la circonscription de Dartmouth Cole Harbour, qui comprend Montebello, présente un intérêt particulier pour cette communauté en raison de sa forte concentration d'Acadiens et de francophones. Comme preuve cette circonscription comprend trois des sept écoles du Conseil scolaire acadien provincial dans la MRH.

Ma préférence serait de maintenir la circonscription actuelle et, si nécessaire, d'inclure Eastern Passage à l'est de la circonscription de Dartmouth Cole Harbour, où la présence acadienne et francophone est aussi forte.

Je vous remercie de l'attention que vous porterez à cette question.

19(1)

Boundary Changes

19(1)

Thu 5/12/2022 9:55 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I just reviewed the boundary change map, and cannot believe how this could even be considered.

19(1)

I have absolutely no connection to anything Bedford/Sackville.

Essentially this change will make these areas feel that they have no vote for their area. Disconnecting them from their community and the city of Dartmouth.

There are already sides being taken and hostility online towards people in these areas being told "you're being kicked out of Dartmouth" and "you are not Dartmouth anymore".

Separation and lines is not what we need right now.

Unbelievable proposal...

Bravo.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Redistribution of Dartmouth Boundaries

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 11:38 AM

To: 19(1)

Good morning:

Thank you for your submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:01 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Redistribution of Dartmouth Boundaries

Hello,

I am saying NO to the redistribution of boundaries of Dartmouth based on the knowledge I have at the present moment.

I do not feel there is enough justification financially to have the boundaries from Dartmouth added to Bedford/Sackville communities.

In kindness,

19(1)

Re: Proposed Federal Electoral Riding Boundary Change - Dartmouth

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 11:51 AM

To: 19(1)

Good morning:

Thank you for your written submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 10:44 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Proposed Federal Electoral Riding Boundary Change - Dartmouth

To: The Electoral Boundaries Commission

Add our names to the multitudes of Dartmouthians who are angry and strongly disagree with the proposed changes to the federal electoral riding boundary changes. This is absolutely ridiculous. Leave Dartmouth/Cole Harbour//Burnside with Dartmouth. It's very simple: we are not Sackville we live in DARTMOUTH. Leave the boundaries as they are and stop wasting our tax dollars.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

proposed changes to Dartmouth riding

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 11:39 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

19(1)

19(1) I am writing to express my sincere concern over the proposed change to remove our area from the Dartmouth riding and be lumped in with Bedford and Sackville.

This proposed change would be a huge disservice to residents 19(1)

19(1) Folks from Booth st, Kennedy dr, Roleika dr, and the rest of Tam o'Shanter ridge have a very different lived experience from the residents of Bedford and Sackville. Transit between our areas is completely inaccessible, so while it may seem close on a map or for those lucky enough to have vehicles to commute with, for many of us in this area, Bedford may as well be Mars. We are a diverse neighbourhood of Dartmouth and the idea of being lumped in with Bedford and Sackville knowing how the needs of the many wealthy residents of those areas will sing far more loudly than the issues facing our lives here does not sit well with me at all.

Thank you for your time in reading my concerns.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Dartmouth-Cole Harbour boundaries

[REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 1:46 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whomever it may concern,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but upon hearing that it is considered (among many other Dartmouth areas) being lumped in with the Bedford-Sackville boundaries, I am deeply upset. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I feel that whomever is responsible for this idea is trying to silence our views and voices in the elections. Please take what I'm saying into consideration.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Comments on Boundary Changes for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour from the Greater Burnside Business Association

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 8:22 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning,

Here is a statement from GBBA Chair, [Dee Deuville](#) on these proposed boundary changes for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour and how they'll impact Burnside Business Park:

As the Chair of the GBBA it is my job to ensure Burnside Businesses understand the results of changes that are happening at all levels of government that may affect Burnside.

There has been an announcement recently that there will be changes to the Federal Electoral Boundaries that will effect Burnside. Burnside will no longer be in the Dartmouth district but added to the Lower Sackville/ Bedford district.

Burnside Park, formerly known as Dartmouth Industrial Park, then Burnside Industrial Park was established in 1970 in the city of Dartmouth. Burnside has a long history with our Dartmouth communities, councillors, Provincial leaders and Federal representatives.

Changing our Electoral Zone would affect our identity and, in the long term, affect how Burnside is represented.

[Darren Fisher](#), Councillor for Burnside since 2009, MP for Burnside since 2015 has always been a strong supporter of Burnside and instrumental in bringing the Burnside connector to Ottawa and having the funding approved. The connector is well underway and should be completed Fall 2023.

It would take years to develop the same relationship with Bedford/Sackville MPs and communities as we have had with Dartmouth MPs and communities for over 50 years. Burnside is in Dartmouth, and that is making Dartmouth a destination for business.

The GBBA would encourage you to reconsider these changes and ensure that Burnside remains a part of Dartmouth.

Thank you,

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19(1)

Electoral redistribution

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 11:59 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello

19(1) have been notified that my address will be rezoned to Bedford.

19(1) This is very clearly in Dartmouth. 19(1)

19(1)

19(1) I rarely go anywhere near Bedford and my interests would not be represented by a Bedford candidate.

Please reconsider this change.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Dartmouth Boundry Change

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 6:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I am writing to express that i disagree with the proposed change to the electoral boundry in Dartmouth. 19(1) I feel our community identifies with and is a part of the Dartmouth- Cole Harbour District.

We are not part of the Sackville- Bedford District as proposed.

Please take my position on this into consideration when finalizing the plan.

Thank You

19(1)

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Re: Boundary redistribution - Dartmouth

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 3:48 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thanks Carol, much appreciated.

On May 11, 2022, at 15:07, NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your written submissions dated May 11, 2022. The submissions have been forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:18 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Boundary redistribution - Dartmouth

Hello, I am writing to express the extreme concern I have for the proposal of redistribution of boundaries, for the Dartmouth-Burnside area. The proposal to move this area into a Sackville-Bedford Basin district is, among many other things, a wrong decision. 19(1)

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19(1) I am well aware of the community needs, requirements and concerns.

It is important to understand a few things. Dartmouth is a very distinct identity and many live here because of that. The community has many different concerns than that of Sackville, and Shubenacadie areas. This is an urban, city serviced area. I think the other issue is, another loss to our Dartmouth community. We had lost our independence. We also, for years, lost any investment into our downtown, and communities. We have only seen significant investment the last 8-10 years, and it is finally paying off. Our beautiful lakes have now seen a resurgence and new resources being put into it.

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I'm confused as to why Bedford and Sackville are not in the same riding. They are extremely close, and people are often between the two.

I think there is a reason for our Dartmouth boundaries to be as they are. We are one united community. 19(1) to think that our concerns are now those of Sackville's and beyond, is confusing. Its a shame to me, that seemingly every few years, our local and community feelings, get bigger and bloated out, giving less direct opportunities to reach to our politicians. Rather than speaking with your MP like talking to a neighbour. Please re-consider this proposal of our boundary.

I don't normally reach out, but I felt this was important to voice this.

Thank you,

19(1)

Re: Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Riding Changes

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 2:23 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thank you! I appreciate you taking the time to do that.
Have a great day!

On May 10, 2022, at 12:44 PM, NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Hello 19(1)

Thank you for your written submissions dated May 9, 2022. Your submissions have been forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your input.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 6:51 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Riding Changes

Hello,

19(1) I have recently been made aware that the Electoral Boundaries Commission is proposing major changes to my riding's boundaries, such as removing much of Dartmouth and all of the Burnside Industrial Park from Dartmouth—Cole Harbour and lumping it into Bedford and Sackville.

I would just like to voice my feelings on this. It makes no sense to cut Dartmouth in half and lump it in with an area that it is nowhere near. If you are going to move a boundary it makes more sense to move the proposed line from Main St to Akerley Blvd where Dartmouth pretty much ends anyway. The needs of Bedford/Sackville/Schubenacadie residents (lots of rural area) are not the same as Dartmouth (city area). I shouldn't have to get on a highway to reach part of my riding when I live in the city.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts!

19(1)

FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 5:29 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I do not support the redistribution of several Dartmouth communities, to be lumped into Bedford/Sackville. Dartmouth proper, is a proud and distinct community of people who do not wish their identity to be lumped in with other areas. We are Dartmouth, we live, shop and thrive here. Do not presume to lump us in with another area because it's convenient, it is disrespectful and does not align with the values of the people living here.

We identify as living in Dartmouth and deserve to remain as such. Stop trying to strip us of our identity as a community of people.

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Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 1:51 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I am writing to express my deep concern about the changes with the Montebello, Burnside electoral boundaries.

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While I understand the need to reassess the federal electoral boundaries every 10 years, I completely disagree with amputating a neighbourhood from its community and placing it with an area based on population and distance. I question the rationale for joining a piece of Dartmouth with Sackville. Are there similarities in communities? No. These changes would cause regional misrepresentation. We would lose our voice; we would become the minority in Sackville's Electoral Boundary. This is not a good feeling. I want to vote in my community of Dartmouth for issues that are important to me. I do not care about Sackville, I do not want to vote with the community of Sackville. I do not want people in Sackville to have a vote for what is important in Dartmouth (i.e. Shubie Park). There is no link or connection between Montebello and Sackville. This is wrong. So Wrong. It was obviously sketched out by someone looking at a map and not taking into consideration the sense of identity people from Dartmouth feel. We need to vote for what is important to us – Dartmouth is important to us; Lower Sackville is not.

Please do not do this. So many of us feel strongly about the loss of community this will cause. There must be a better way to redraw the boundaries.

19(1)

Attn: Ms. Carol Moulaison

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 6:09 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: darrenfisher@parl.gc.ca <darrenfisher@parl.gc.ca>

Dear Ms Moulaison,

I wish to express my grave concern about the proposed boundary change to the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Electoral District for the following reasons:

This completely disregards the boundaries of the City of Dartmouth as it existed at the time of amalgamation, as well as adjacent communities that have formed a part of a 'Greater Dartmouth' (including Cole Harbour) for decades. The fact that it removes our MP, MLA, City Councilor and the Mayor of HRM from the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour ED almost smacks of some sort of jerrymandering, although I really doubt that to be an aim. Rather, I believe it to be a sloppy first effort at redistribution which looks solely at collections of populations while disregarding communities that are important to all of us.

I sincerely hope that a public review will be forthcoming in the near future.

Yours truly

19(1)

Dartmouth - Cole Harbour Boundries

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:35 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello Carol Moulaison,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed boundary changes that remove large areas of Dartmouth to be added to the Bedford/Sacville riding.

The communities around Lake Micmac have always been part of Dartmouth.

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19(1)

Again, I am opposed to this change and I doubt very much you will find any support for this change in these Dartmouth neighborhoods.

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Federal electoral districts redistribution 2022

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 8:39 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly oppose the proposed redistribution of the Dartmouth Cole-Harbour district. The proposal would have a great deal of the Dartmouth area cut off, and lumped in with Bedford, which makes absolutely no sense.

19(1)

If your mailing address lists Dartmouth as your city, your district should be Dartmouth.

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Fwd: Disagree

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 11:44 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: 19(1)

Date: May 10, 2022 at 10:14:31 AM ADT

To: NS-NE@redecoupage

Subject: Disagree

I'm voicing my concerns about your taking my neighbourhood out of Dartmouth. 19(1)

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19(1) A lots changed and it's been part of Dartmouth for around 50 years. I always Dartmouth/ Cole Harbour was because Dartmouth was too small (in population) to be a riding on its own. Obviously since you want to divide it up, it's become bigger. Why not just leave the whole of Dartmouth on its own and separate the Cole Harbour from it. I think that would be better. I really don't want to be lumped in with Sackville/ Bedford. 19(1)

19(1)

Thank you for listening.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Dartmouth - Cole Harbour

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 6:48 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good evening,

I would like to express concern regarding the re zoning of the Dartmouth - Cole harbour riding. The areas of the riding that are potentially getting re zoned in with sackville Bedford and not a part of sackville or Bedford, geographically or metaphorically. The areas highlighted are a key part of the Dartmouth cole harbour community, and switching them to the other riding would be quite impactful in a negative way on the residents of the Dartmouth cole harbour community.

I would kindly like to ask that you re-think this plan, and not go through with it. This re zoning is not fair to the residents of the communities affected.

Kindly,

19(1)

Dartmouth Boundaries.

19(1)

Sun 5/22/2022 2:26 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Please leave Dartmouth Boundaries as we are fighting HRM to stop calling us Halifax now you want to change our Boundaries which makes it more of a problem for the people that love and live in Dartmouth. You can say all you want that nothing will change but we heard that at Amalgamation and now we see things changing and not for the better. Please just leave it alone.

19(1)

Re: FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 11:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your written submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.
Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:48 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022

The redistribution of Dartmouth Cole Harbour makes no sense. [REDACTED] we are more connected as a community to Dartmouth than to Bedford. Would suggest that the Burnside Industrial park area be the dividing line between Bedford and Dartmouth.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Electoral Boundary Changes for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 4:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion on the proposed boundary changes for The Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding. I feel quite strongly that the proposed changes are not at all appropriate. The communities you are proposing to remove from the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding are far removed from Bedford and Sackville. Lumping these communities into Bedford and Sackville will put many of us in a riding we do not identify with (not to mention one our address literally does not align with).

This proposed change may make sense to someone who is not from here, looking at only a map for reference (i.e. without context), but the proposed boundary change does not make any sense whatsoever and I believe it would be detrimental to the residents of the subdivisions you would be excluding from the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding.

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The needs of my community are different from those in Bedford or Sackville. If these proposed changes went ahead, there would be a huge disconnect between my riding and the community with which I identify.

I hope you will reconsider this proposal. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or at my phone number below. Thank you for taking the time to read my email and consider my concerns!

Best regards,

19(1)

Proposed Changes to Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Riding

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:38 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion on the proposed boundary changes for The Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding. I feel quite strongly that the proposed changes are not at all appropriate. The communities you are proposing to remove from the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding are far removed from Bedford and Sackville. Lumping these communities into Bedford and Sackville will put many of us in a riding we do not identify with (not to mention one our address literally does not align with).

This proposed change may make sense to someone who is not from this community, looking at only a map for reference (i.e. without context), but the proposed boundary change does not make any sense whatsoever and I believe it would be detrimental to the residents of the subdivisions you would be excluding from the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding.

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19(1)

The needs of my community are different from those in Bedford or Sackville. If these proposed changes went ahead, there would be a huge disconnect between my riding and the community with which I identify.

I hope you will reconsider this proposal. Thank you for taking the time to read my email and consider my concerns!

Best regards,

19(1)

Sent from my Galaxy

Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Redistricting

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 1:07 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in regards to the proposed restricting of my electoral district being combined into the former Bedford-Sackville riding. This redistricting proposal is beyond ridiculous and needs to be re-examined. The area in question aside from Burnside is a heavily suburban area with close ties to the community of Cole Harbour. To remove such a major area and combine in with the areas of Sackville and Bedford which are much less intertwined than Dartmouth-Cole Harbour would grossly remove the proper representation of the community of Dartmouth being reallocated and should not move forward.

I hope that my fellow community residents join me in voicing their concerns as our MP has encouraged them to do so as we do not want to lose our proper representation that we are entitled to.

Thank you,

19(1)

Concerns around Dartmouth Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 9:22 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello there!

I just wanted to reach out to you to state my concern about the new federal boundaries for Dartmouth

19(1)

This area is such a multicultural hub and I feel like really defines what the ideals of "Dartmouth" are all about

Removing it, and making the change for us to be rolled up to Sackville/Bedford would be a huge mistake and would be removing part of the identity

Thanks

19(1)

Dartmouth Cole Harbour

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 9:18 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Ms. Carol Moulaison,

19(1)

I hear there are proposed changes that would remove these areas (and many more) from our community. I can't express how large of a part these areas are to our special community. To take these away would take the very essence of Dartmouth in my humble opinion.

I know many others feel the same. Our community will not support this discussion or decision. Please consider what the public has to say, and I have been looking into it, many are not happy about this.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

19(1)

East Dartmouth

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 12:34 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello

I'm writing to share my concern about the proposal to remove sections of my community from the Cole Harbour-Dartmouth electoral boundary. 19(1) I

have very little association with Fall River. Lumping our community in with Fall River would be a disservice to our citizens. Please reconsider this boundary proposal.

Thank you

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Dartmouth Redistricting

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 9:39 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello all,

I'm writing to you with concern over changes to the riding of Dartmouth-Cole Harbor. 19(1)

19(1) I do not feel that my area and home is homogeneous with the Bedford/Sackville riding. While we do share some concerns, they are largely over traffic on the magazine hill. My area and Burnside have long been historically linked to Dartmouth. Growing up no one would ever refer to Burnside as 'going to Bedford' as this was long considered to be Dartmouth. This would also cause an odd divide between municipal, provincial and federal ridings as I'd be voting as a resident of Dartmouth locally and provincially but with Bedford federally. Moving my vote in such a way for our most important elections removes me from the community that I work to build and improve every day with my labor and my vote equally.

I hope you will take some time to reconsider removing these districts from Dartmouth.

Regards,

19(1)

Opposing the federal riding boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:37 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

19(1)

there is a proposal to turn practically half of Dartmouth to sackville/Bedford. These areas literally are around what makes Dartmouth, Dartmouth. It truly feels like the government is trying to take away any honour we have from living and growing up in Dartmouth and change the "community" for political gain. I truly do not understand as to why these areas would fit into sackville/Bedford. To regular civilians this truly looks like politicians are making changes on our history only to gain voting and economical advantage.

Please accept this email as in opposition for these changes , to keep the appeal in Dartmouth.

Thank you

19(1)

Reboundries Dartmouth Cole Harbour

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 8:20 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Ms Carol Moulaison, I am in disagreement with your commission in overtaking parts of established boundaries for Dartmouth Cole Harbour. This is a democracy that requires a much deeper study that would somehow justify what your proposal states. It is of my opinion that this is almost a unbearable takeover of boundaries for the purpose of increasing the sackville bedford area which have nothing to do with Dartmouth Cole Harbour. It is in my opinion then a hostile takeover to which this proposal should be held accountable for!!!

Sent from my iPad

Opposed to the merger of Caledonia + Roleika area with Bedford and shubie

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 11:38 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

The people in the highly populated ghetto of Caledonia+ Roleika area have vastly different needs and concerns from the larger Bedford shubie area you've chosen to shoehorn us into. It looks like your entire goal of the map is to have a roughly even amount of people voting, but that doesn't take into account the different needs or voting tendencies of the people within it. We're a low-income, high-population, high-crime area, we live in Dartmouth, in the city. We belong voting with it.

19(1)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour!

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 12:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom It May Concern;

I am totally against removing much of Dartmouth and all of the Burnside Industrial Park from Dartmouth—Cole Harbour and lumping it into Bedford and Sackville.

The boundaries that are currently there reflect the identity of our communities. If you need further information please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards, 19(1)

19(1)

Breeze Drive Federal Boundary Changes

[REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 12:41 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there,

Well this makes absolutely no sense. I've spend zero time in Bedford or Sackville in the last year. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

These changes make absolutely no sense.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Dartmouth Federal Electorate Boundaries

19(1)

Wed 5/18/2022 10:37 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello Ms. Moulaison,

I am reaching out due to the proposed Electoral boundaries for Dartmouth. It appears we will be removed from Cole Harbour and bundled together with Bedford. I can not express enough how much our community is so closely tied with Cole Harbour and how far removed we are from Bedford. Cole Harbour and Dartmouth work together as one community. It's where we shop, dine, work, use parks, etc.

Bedford geographically is very separated from us and most people in Dartmouth are rarely in Bedford for their general day to day activities. I strongly ask that you consider changes to this as it doesn't make sense on any level for our communities. I hope you will consider these changes. Thank you,

Thank you,

19(1)

Dartmouth Boundary Changes

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 10:56 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I have just heard about the proposed boundary changes for the bulk of Dartmouth and Burnside Industrial Park, and I can not possibly stress how vehemently opposed I am to such a change. 19(1)

19(1) I see absolutely no rhyme nor reason to this proposal; this area is not remotely connected to either Bedford or Sackville and has always been a core part of Dartmouth.

While I understand the need to balance a growing and changing population, this constitutes a fundamental change to the identity of the place in which people live. Even following the creation of HRM, the majority of people in Dartmouth still identify as living in Dartmouth, not HRM or Halifax. What is being proposed here is a fundamental dissolution of Dartmouth and this is completely unacceptable.

Surely, an alternate solution could be proposed, such as the creation of a second Dartmouth riding.

This proposal will be fought until defeated.

Thank you.

19(1)

Dartmouth proposal

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 10:59 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning,

I would like to ask why you are targeting the areas in Dartmouth to be included on the re-distribution to Sackville/Bedford. We are no where near Sackville and Bedford, and there are other areas of Dartmouth closer than we are. This will completely gut Dartmouth.

Would you please explain the reasoning and logic of this to me? I do not understand.

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

(No subject)

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 6:58 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

feel the small area of Dartmouth Burnside to be combined with Sackville Bedford means strong representation for our area will be lost. This should be reconsidered.

Thank you,

19(1)

Federal district changes

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 12:52 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

do not think we should be lumped on with Bedford/Sackville. I believe my interests are better served within an Dartmouth urban district, not with the Bedford/Sackville suburban dwellers. It just doesn't make sense.

19(1)

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

New Proposed Federal Riding Boundaries for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:24 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I'm emailing to voice my concerns about the proposed new boundaries for the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding. I believe that the proposed changes definitely don't represent our community nor make much sense at all, the areas they're proposing to change to Bedford/Sackville would never be considered Bedford or Sackville to anybody who lives here.

Thanks,

19(1)

Proposed new boundaries for Dartmouth

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 9:42 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

19(1)

the good people of Dartmouth put their two cents worth into the discussion about new electoral boundaries. Dartmouthians are a proud, close knit community who are passionate about keeping our unique identity within HRM.

Realigning the electoral boundaries to exclude much of Dartmouth will not represent our community properly or effectively. Bedford is a distinctly different community, both socially and geographically. They have their own unique characteristics and I believe they should also have representation that reflects and supports their identity.

The Dartmouth riding should remain intact as is, including those communities that have traditionally made up our city-within-a-city as well as that of Cole Harbour. These communities and neighborhoods already share a united identity, common challenges, and a geographical separation from Bedford. Our local population is growing and so the need to represent the Dartmouth communities collectively will continue to be important.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 7:26 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom It May Concern:

19(1)

I DO NOT WANT ANY BOUNDARIES

CHANGED. You

already changed it from Dartmouth to Halifax which people didn't want done then. Cole Harbour is a nice community

and we don't need a bunch of people that doesn't know anything changing things. If I wanted to be part of Bedford

Sackville I would go and live there.

19(1)

Re: proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour!

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 11:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good morning:

Thank you for your submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 6:12 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour!

The proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour makes zero sense and removes any connection to the community. [REDACTED] I am disgusted that this is even being considered. [REDACTED]

Changing electoral boundaries for Dartmouth.

19(1)

Thu 5/12/2022 10:22 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Please do not proceed with proposed changes. The areas you will be aligning with Bedford are all part of Dartmouth. These changes do not make any sense.

19(1)

Proposed changes to federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:43 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello!

I have recently heard that you are considering making some changes to our ridings boundaries here in the city. I wanted to share my input on the matter. I ask that you please submit this letter to your records.

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Specifically, we all oppose the removal of the following neighborhoods from Dartmouth-Cole Harbor and believe they do not belong as being considered part of Bedford-Sackville. Everyone that lives here considers the following areas part of Dartmouth, and it would make absolutely no sense to change the federal riding boundaries to Bedford or Sackville. Changing the following would create lots of confusion and annoyance. Like I already stated, everyone considers these places to be Dartmouth-

Cole harbor. It would sow tonnes of confusion, if for instance, someone from Caledonia Rd. or Roleika Dr. just off of Main st. considers themselves to be in Dartmouth, no one would understand if they said Bedford, or they would assume they were much further away as to everyone living here, Caledonia is obviously part of Dartmouth.

- Craighburn Dr area - This is about on the northern edge of where people consider Dartmouth to end
- Lake Charles area - This is about on the northern edge of where people consider Dartmouth to end
- Shubie Park area - Shubie is a known attraction/natural part of the Dartmouth area, and everyone considers Shubie to be in Dartmouth, not Bedford-Sackville. The Northernmost edge of Shubie is considered the start of Bedford-Sackville.
- (Port Wallace) Breeze Dr, Montebello, Keystone, Avenue du Portage, and Unia Estates areas - Very much so considered part of Dartmouth
- Westphal area - This/Tacoma drive area is considered to be the core of Dartmouth by many people living here. This would make no sense to remove from the Dartmouth ridings.
- Tam O'Shanter Ridge area
- Caledonia area - As I mentioned above, this is very much so in the area of what is colloquially and practically known as Dartmouth.
- Roleika Dr area - As I mentioned above, this is very much so in the area of what is colloquially and practically known as Dartmouth.
- Lake Micmac area - This is very much so considered to be right in the center of "Dartmouth" by everyone living here in Dartmouth-Cole harbor. This would make no sense to remove from the Dartmouth ridings.
- Braemar Dr area - This is very much so considered to be right in the center of "Dartmouth" by everyone living here in Dartmouth-Cole harbor. This would make no sense to remove from the Dartmouth ridings.
- Wallace Heights area - Certainly people think of this as Dartmouth. People here consider that on this side of the harbor, and south of Akerley Blvd. as part of Dartmouth.
- Burnside Industrial Park - This would make the most sense to re-zone as part of Bedford-Sackville. However, anything south of Akerley Blvd. in Burnside is considered Dartmouth, north of Akerley is considered to be the beginning of Bedford-Sackville.

Making changes to most, if not all of the mentioned areas would sow lots of confusion, create many issues due to this confusion, and perhaps create a lot of anger over the change. I myself would certainly not be happy with it, and neither would all of my friends, family, neighbors, and acquaintances I've spoken about this with. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I understand the sentiment of the community here. People are very proud of their Dartmouthian heritage and it would be a huge issue, and a real shame, to diminish what is considered by the stark majority to be Dartmouth. Especially in a time when much of our cultural heritage is already being stripped away.

Thanks for considering the input of the community!

[REDACTED]

Proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 11:04 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I strongly **disagree** with proposed changes of removing Dartmouth neighbourhoods from the federal ridings. 19(1) The notion that I would have more in common with someone from Sackville/Bedford is an odd grouping and I feel it would not represent my needs as a voter.

19(1)

Opposition to Proposed changes to Dartmouth riding boundaries

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 5:10 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good afternoon Ms. Carol Moulaison,

I am opposed to the proposed move of the boundaries, which redraws the map of Dartmouth NS to Bedford NS.

These neighbourhoods have identified as Dartmouth, before the amalgamation of HRM.

Many of the streets and areas have always been associated with Dartmouth including Shubie park and Lake Micmac.

However, it is even more unfathomable that there is even a conversation to include Burnside industrial park as part of Bedford – that is ludicrous.

Whoever came up with this proposal, obviously has never looked at the demographics or the historical boundaries of this area.

Is this a move to make the tax base bigger in Bedford, to move services away from Dartmouth?

Wouldn't it make sense to move the lower-Sackville boundaries as opposed to the Dartmouth area?

Thank you for your time.

19(1)



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Dartmouth - Cole Harbour Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 7:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Ms. Moulaison

I am writing you with concerns about the proposed electoral changes for the federal riding of Dartmouth - Cole Harbour (Nova Scotia).

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19(1) Dartmouth is a proud community that views itself as separate from Bedford-Sackville. Removing core residential areas of Dartmouth from the riding would be a mistake. The proposed changes would make me feel disconnected from my community and more importantly disconnected from from the Member of Parliament that represents me.

I hope you strongly reconsider these changes.
Please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

19(1)

Re: ATTENTION: Ms. Carol Moulaison

[REDACTED]

Wed 5/11/2022 9:42 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thank you for responding.

[REDACTED]

From: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent: May 11, 2022 2:49 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: ATTENTION: Ms. Carol Moulaison

Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your written submissions dated May 10, 2022. Your submissions will be forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your input.

Carol Moulaison

Commission Secretary

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

for Nova Scotia

Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 8:55 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: ATTENTION: Ms. Carol Moulaison

[REDACTED]

It was bad enough that they lumped us together with HALIFAX, but why do we have to go under another umbrella -BEDFORD and SACKVILLE.

Why the hell do can't they leave well enough alone? We do not need it, nor do we need the additional costs it will incur. Focus on what is needed.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Re: Proposed changes to Federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour!
Attn: Carol Moulaison

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 9:39 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Just finished reading the following & 19(1)

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19(1) The continual changes to our boundaries & name water down our sense of identity & ability to maintain a sense of community. These losses affect human interaction, sense of pride in community, our care & concern for where we live & those we come in contact with here. Rural communities still seem to be able to hang on to this... it's a good thing!! Keeping residents in these areas happy & caring about where they live & identify should be included in your decision making processes.

Also in these times of financial strain & great need for spending restraint the unnecessary cost of rebranding communities seems frivolous.

Thanks for your consideration!

19(1)

!! IMPORTANT, PLEASE SHARE: Your input is urgently required on the proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour!

As you may have heard, the Electoral Boundaries Commission is proposing major changes to our riding's boundaries, such as removing much of Dartmouth and all of the Burnside Industrial Park from Dartmouth—Cole Harbour and lumping it into Bedford and Sackville.


The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia is non-partisan and independent from the federal government. Part of their consultation is to ensure that the boundaries reflect communities of identity—and I absolutely agree. That's why I believe your feedback is so crucial to this process.


➡ ➡ Their proposal makes multiple major changes, such as removing the following neighbourhoods that currently identify as part of Dartmouth—Cole Harbour, including:

- Craighburn Dr area
- Lake Charles area
- Shubie Park area
- (Port Wallace) Breeze Dr, Montebello, Keystone, Avenue du Portage, and Unia Estates areas
- Westphal area
- Tam O'Shanter Ridge area
- Caledonia area
- Roleika Dr area

- Lake Micmac area
- Braemar Dr area
- Wallace Heights area
- Burnside Industrial Park

You can learn more about the full proposal by visiting the Electoral Boundaries Commission's website.

 If you have comments, suggestions, or concerns about this proposal, please share your thoughts with the Electoral Boundary Commission as soon as possible: https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/com/ns/phrg/index_e.aspx

 Please have a look through the map (current boundaries and proposal) here: <https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/ebv/en/?locale=en-ca&prov=ns>

Contact the Commission directly:



Ms. Carol Moulaison

Commission Secretary, Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia

PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid

Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0



NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Redistribution of Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Federal Riding

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 8:53 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

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19(1) I've recently seen the proposed riding boundary changes for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, which would include removing a large chunk of East Dartmouth and lumping it in with the Bedford and Sackville riding.

I wanted to reach out to express my concern about this development, as it makes little sense. None of the outlines Dartmouth region is geographically anywhere near Bedford and Sackville, and removing these areas from the riding of Dartmouth-Cole Harbour will lead to federal election results that do not accurately represent the opinions of those who live in Dartmouth.

This decision makes little sense to me, and I just wanted to reach out and express that I would be incredibly disappointed if a large majority of those who call Dartmouth home are no longer voting for that riding.

Kindest Regards,

19(1)

Electoral boundary changes.

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 12:09 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello!

19(1)

This proposed change in boundaries, to me, appears right along the poverty line.

You've proposed to cut off lower income Dartmouth and make their votes come from a different community.

You say you're doing this in the name of community identity.

How is taking votes from Dartmouth and making it look like they came from Sackville, representative of Dartmouth as a community?

It isn't.

It erases the lower income and disabled voters that predominantly make up the chunk of my community you wish to lump in with Sackville.

If changing our boundaries will also require us to attend a different, outside of our community, polling station, this also looks like a deliberate move to disincentivize poor people from voting.

Low-income people don't have whole days to take off work to devote to taking transit out of their communities to vote.

Disabled people already struggle with access to transit and will struggle with transportation to polls too, no matter how many chipper campaign volunteers in minivans you secure.

We can barely get to the polling stations within Dartmouth as it is!

These boundary changes are an attack on the voting rights of low income people. We deserve our voices being heard within our own community. If the results of elections are not pleasing to some in power or of the results from our polls are more difficult to tabulate, so be it. YOU work harder. You do not silence or mislocate the voice of a diverse community to make your jobs easier.

Make better choices. This is not a good choice.

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Federal elector redistribution/comments

[REDACTED]

Mon 5/9/2022 7:55 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom this concerns.

Please leave Dartmouth as is. [REDACTED] Stop wasting tax dollars or get a real job. Like on a paving crew, no shortage of pot holes to fix in the municipality
Please leave it all as is.

Thank you have a great day.

Proposed Changes to Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Riding

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 9:23 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good day,

I am emailing to provide an opinion on the proposed redistribution changes for the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding. To me, the proposed changes overall make very little sense. Distinct areas of Dartmouth, such as the area that houses Shubie Park, should not be lumped in with Sackville-Bedford. Same to be said about the Westphal area.

19(1) I can say for sure that my values do not align with those in the Sackville-Bedford area, and the same can be said for those one street over from me. 19(1)

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19(1) I know that key members of the Liberal Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Riding Association live in the area that is being cut off from Dartmouth. I know this process is apolitical, but political engagement is important no matter what party people support/participate with, and a change like this will have a huge impact on that engagement in the Dartmouth area.

What I do think makes a little more sense, is using Breeze Drive as the cut off street, so the areas of Montebello can remain with Dartmouth where they belong. Moving the area of Burnside to the Sackville-Bedford riding also makes sense to me. I suspect a lot a feedback will be received regarding this, and I hope that the thoughts and feelings of those living in Dartmouth are taking into true consideration.

Thank you,

19(1)

Re: Re-drawing of the electoral boundaries in the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour area.

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:38 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: Darren Fisher <darren.fisher@parl.gc.ca>

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Sent from 19(1) iPad

> On May 10, 2022, at 10:35 AM, Pat Othen <patriciaoften@eastlink.ca> wrote:

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The electoral boundaries are supposed to represent like minded communities and I can assure you that we have never identified with Sackville and Bedford. They are neighbours, not part of us and I am sure they feel the same way. Likewise we have worked and shopped in Burnside Industrial Park and DARTMOUTH Crossing for all these years and these areas have always identified with DARTMOUTH. Further more Port Wallace district is a mere 8 minute drive to the DARTMOUTH harbour front. Why unearth would we identify with a district that is 20 minutes away from our community??? COLE HARBOUR has always been assumed as part of DARTMOUTH and is much closer to us for goods and services than Bedford/Sackville. This boundary change needs to be re-addressed to discover where the communities actually are.

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Re: New boundaries for Dartmouth east

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 11:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good morning:

Thank you for your written submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 6:59 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: New boundaries for Dartmouth east

Hello,

I am writing you today to voice my concerns about changing the election boundaries for a large portion of Dartmouth east/Westphal. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Now you are wanting to lump a greater amount of us into a Bedford Sackville riding so that we are literally left with no voice. Our schools, our streets, our community needs to stay where it is as part of Dartmouth east/ Cole harbour because that is what it is! I will not be travelling to Sackville or Bedford to vote nor will many others that I have spoken to. We will not be voting for someone that knows nothing about where we live! [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This has to be one of the most pointless and disturbing ideas that has been brought forth yet! [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Geography doesn't lie...my postal code does not lie... [REDACTED]

Leave us where we are!

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

removing Dartmouth areas

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 9:06 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom It May Concern

Why

on earth would we be wasting time removing neighborhoods from the Dartmouth/Cole Harbour Districts and moving them to a Bedford/Sackville District!!!! Why are you trying to destroy Dartmouth! We don't deserve to be broken apart and it makes no sense at all, two totally different communities that are far apart geographically and culturally. I am outraged by this nonsense and waste of time.

You are attempting to disintegrate communities that have been part of Dartmouth for a very long time. I am appalled at this, the Dartmouth Yacht Club, Burnside??? How absolutely outrageous. Please stop this nonsense, the public has had enough stress and now you want to do this?

STOP please

19(1)

Opposition to the proposal to merge Dartmouth to Bedford Electoral Boundary

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 9:58 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit my disagreement to the proposal to merge Dartmouth to Bedford Electoral Boundary.

I believe Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Electoral Boundary should remain unchanged.

Thanks and best regards,

19(1)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Dartmouth Cole harbour

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 8:50 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning,

19(1)

I am very against this new zoning. the Waverly/main Street/Forrest Hills Extension triangle at a minimum should be with Dartmouth.

It's us, then Burnside, with no people living there... then lumped with lower Sackville/Bedford?

No community ties

No active transportation

No historical ties.

We will be forgotten in politics/needs as a goofy satellite.

How will our needs as residents be met?

How will we build and maintain community ties?

How will we be represented?

This same thing happened in Cape Breton municipalities within the last 5 years and everyone I have spoken to from the district's affected are less inclined to vote, less engaged in politics in their communities, and frustrated with the lack of representation.

Unless the point of this is to disengage voters, in which case, great plan.

Respectfully

19(1)

I whole heartedly disagree with this re zoning.

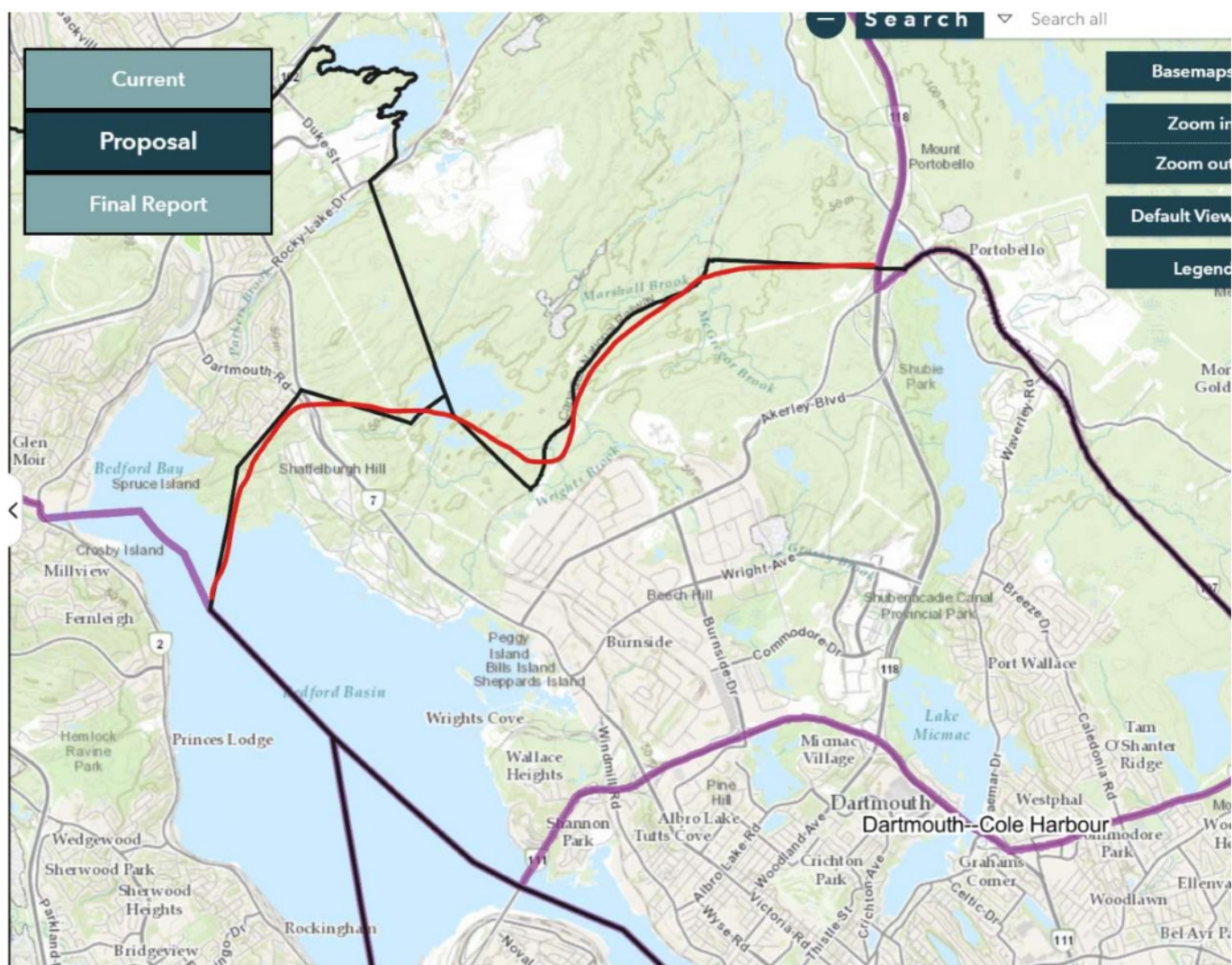
Proposed boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 9:16 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Although I am personally not affected by this proposed change, I feel it is important to voice my concern. It makes absolutely no sense removing existing parts of **Dartmouth** from the **Dartmouth-Cole Harbour** riding, The swath of undeveloped green space between the Harbour and Shubie canal should serve as a natural riding boundary, keeping it in the existing riding.



19(1)

Proposed changes to Dartmouth-Cole Harbour boundary

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 5:51 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

I am opposed to the redistribution of the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour electoral boundary. The parts being taken out, as far as I'm concerned, are parts of Dartmouth. Conversely, the parts being added in, Eastern Passage, are not and have never been a part of Dartmouth.

I'd like to know what I can do to prevent this change from happening.

19(1)

Proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 1:13 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I am writing with concerns respecting the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundary for *Dartmouth - Cole Harbour*. 19(1)

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We identify strongly as residents of Dartmouth, and spend the majority of our time recreating, shopping, and working in the Dartmouth area. To be grouped with Bedford and Sackville, rather than Dartmouth, I feel would not align with the identity of our neighbourhood, nor give us appropriate representation.

I ask you to please consider not removing our neighborhood and adjacent residential neighborhoods from the *Dartmouth - Cole Harbour* riding. We feel a strong identity as residents of Dartmouth, and love the community. We would be very sorry to see our representation moved outside of the region that we consider to be home.

Thank you,

19(1)

Dartmouth - Cole Harbour realignment

19(1)

Fri 6/24/2022 5:39 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Commisioners,

19(1)

It is our belief that electoral ridings should reflect communities of interest. In this way the pressing needs of residents can be accurately communicated to policy makers by our elected representatives. While citizens in Fall River and Bedford are delightful people they are not our close neighbours, nor do they share the same community level concerns. I am sure they would agree, and likely say the same about us.

Does it make sense for;

Students from our community to attend high school in another riding when it is less than 2 km away?

Main Street to be a dividing line in realignment when it is in fact at the centre of the community?

We could list a dozen reasons but we think they should be obvious to the Commission so I won't belabour the point.

We wish to register our strong disagreement with this proposal, and respectfully request that the commission reconsider its proposal and leave existing residential communities in place.

Sincerely

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Dartmouth Boundaries

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 10:56 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

I feel that removing the area of Westphal from the riding is not the best idea in terms of representation. It is cut too far into Dartmouth and just does not seem to go with the rest of the new Shubenacadie riding. I feel it would make more sense for the boundary to cut north through Lake Micmac at the Hwy 111 overpass between Lakes Micmac and Banook, up to the Red Bridge Pond, and through, east to behind Mountain Avenue, finally cutting through to where Lakecrest becomes Helene. This would include all the area beneath the ridge in the Dartmouth riding, leaving the rest of the Caledonia area in the new riding. Perhaps to compensate, the Shannon Park region should be given to the new Shubenacadie riding? Have the soon-to-come population increases due to the proposed developments in Shannon Park been considered in the proposal? Thank you.

19(1)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Citizen comment

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 8:26 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there,

Just sending my comment for the remapping.

Placing a large piece of old Dartmouth - Cole Harbour and joining to lower Sackville instead of with other sections of Dartmouth doesn't make sense for the community.

A large portion of that map is mostly industrial space, but the rest is not.

There is really no community geographical ease of transport or community ties between East Dartmouth and Bedford. Please look at the map practically for the Waverly/Forrest Hills Extension/Main Street area. There is no community of history ties to Burnside area since few citizens live there, and especially skipping over that to power Sackville and Bedford.

Historically the main Street Dartmouth area is much more community focused with the rest of Dartmouth (Portland and Cole harbour, downtown) and the needs of the community are more aligned.

Even thinking about going out in 'my community' means the Dartmouth area and Cole harbour area, I rarely participate or even travel to anything in the Bedford and Sackville areas 19(1)

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You cannot travel between this Dartmouth section (main/Waverly/Forrest Hills) with ease by active transportation or public transportation either, so if we share a community, despite or neighborhood being of a population density that is very possible and is of the utmost importance as we try to be more environmentally smart and allow people to engage in their personal health with using our bodies as transport. Lumping this geographical satellite area of Dartmouth to lower Sackville and before is encouraging more car culture and exclusionary to those with limited transport options, especially to engage with their representatives which will without a doubt locate themselves in the area with the vast majority of their population - isolated and divided by an industrial park, instead of within access in a local community.

Meanwhile, There is ample population density and active transportation opportunities keeping us tied as a unit in Dartmouth, downtown, and Cole Harbour as it stands.

At a minimum the Waverly Rd/Forrest Hills Extension/Main Street mapping should be included in a riding that ties most of Dartmouth together, rather than a satellite to the Sackville and Bedford map, which would isolate our needs as a minority to that community as a whole and leave us without proper representation or feel of community at all.

Thank you

19(1)

Proposed Changes to Federal Boundary for Dartmouth/Cole Harbour

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 7:07 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom This May Concern,

I do not agree with and I do not believe that parts of Dartmouth should be removed from the Dartmouth/Cole Harbour federal boundary and added to Bedford and Lower Sackville.

Dartmouth is it's own city and each previous city - Dartmouth, Lower Sackville, Bedford and Halifax - has it's own personality and interests. To include this area of Dartmouth with Bedford and Lower Sackville is not a good fit and I do not think it would positively affect Dartmouth.

When I talk about Dartmouth, it includes Cole Harbour. As a note (in case you're not familiar with the area), Cole Harbour is a part of Dartmouth. Just like Woodside, Woodlawn, Creighton Park and so on. Cole Harbour just happens to have grown to be a very large area of developed land.

If this is not the proper way to inform you how I feel about the proposed changes would you please let me know.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Proposed Boundaries change

[REDACTED]

Sat 5/21/2022 9:46 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Please hear my voice!

Removing the Dartmouth communities as outlined in the current proposal makes no sense. They are historical Dartmouth communities and NOT Bedford /Sackville communities.

Please revise!!

[REDACTED]

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proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 5:53 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Please leave the boundaries alone and stop trying to remove Dartmouth from the map. It's bad enough that we are part of HRM. Thanks 19(1)

Dartmouth Cole Harbour boundary lines should remain the same.

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 6:18 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Ms Moulaison,

I understand the boundaries for federal electoral districts are being reviewed. I am opposed to the proposal to remove several Dartmouth neighbourhoods from the current Dartmouth- Cole Harbour riding and adding them to the Bedford Sackville one. 19(1)

19(1) The issues and concerns of Dartmouth-Cole Harbour are the much more consistent than with the less densely populated Bedford Sackville riding. I think changing the definition, where the addresses are clearly indicated in the current boundaries will only cause confusion. No one would think to contact the Bedford MP if they had concerns, living in Dartmouth.

Burnside might be one thing, but the neighbourhoods on the Cole Harbour side of Lakes Banook, MicMac and Charles should remain in Dartmouth Cole Harbour riding.

Thanks,

19(1)

Make it a great day!

Regarding boundary of Dartmouth - Cole harbour

[REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 3:28 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello. Figured I would chime in [REDACTED] I feel this change is very shortsighted and should be reconsidered.

I'm not sure how other people feel, but I've always felt that the change from Dartmouth into sackville was around magazine hill, near the military depot or whatever that is. If any new boundary is to be drawn that seems like a good place to start.

I'm sure you'll get a lot of correspondence so good luck in all of it. I'm sure some people are going to be less civil.

Dartmouth-Cole Harbour boundary

[REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 12:59 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there,

I just learned about the proposed new boundary for much of Dartmouth and Cole Harbour. The new proposed boundary cuts much of Dartmouth off from its own community and loops it with Bedford-Sackville- an entirely different community with different demographics and needs.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As I mentioned, much of the area being cut off is inherently part of Dartmouth and would be a disservice to us to remove us. I am strongly opposed to the newly proposed riding.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding change

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:19 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

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19(1) I have reviewed the areas in question and believe that most of the proposed changes (especially everything east of Burnside) is an affront to the distinct culture of Dartmouth and to our collective ability to advocate for ourselves and our neighborhoods. 19(1)

19(1) Please keep these electoral maps for this riding intact.

Thank you,

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Proposed federal boundary concerns

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 8:54 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Day,

In its current form, the Electoral Boundaries Commission is proposing major changes to the boundaries of Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, such as removing much of Dartmouth and all of the Burnside Industrial Park from Dartmouth—Cole Harbour and lumping it into Bedford and Sackville.

This move does not reflect the goal of the commission to ensure that the boundaries reflect communities of identity.

The current proposal makes multiple major changes, such as removing the following neighbourhoods that currently identify as part of Dartmouth—Cole Harbour, including:

- Craighburn Dr area
- Lake Charles area
- Shubie Park area
- (Port Wallace) Breeze Dr, Montebello, Keystone, Avenue du Portage, and Unia Estates areas
- Westphal area
- Tam O'Shanter Ridge area
- Caledonia area
- Roleika Dr area
- Lake Micmac area
- Braemar Dr area
- Wallace Heights area
- Burnside Industrial Park

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I urge the commission to reevaluate the proposal in its current form, and update it to reflect the historic boundaries of our community.

Thank you,

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Dartmouth-Cole Harbour Boundary Review

19(1)

Wed 5/11/2022 3:34 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed district boundary for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour. 19(1)

19(1) so I understand the need to equitable population levels between electoral district boundaries, but I believe there are better solutions than the current proposal, which removes huge swathes of Dartmouth and attempts to tie it into a group of unrelated communities under the new Shubenacadie-Bedford Basin district.

The proposed change to Dartmouth-Cole Harbour will remove literally half of Dartmouth from its geographic borders. These areas include some of the most significant employment, retail and recreational areas of Dartmouth. They are connected both by roads and history to the former city of Dartmouth, and have little in common, community-wise, with Bedford, Sackville, Fall River, Beavertown, etc, which they are proposed to join with.

The areas proposed for removal are also due for major expansion in the short-term. No less than three areas targeted for major residential growth are being taken out and put in the sprawling new district:

- Port Wallace (4900 units, starting fall 2022) ,
- Dartmouth Crossing (2500 units, starting spring 2023)
- Shannon Park (3000 units, approval underway)

These developments, two of which have already been approved and fast-tracked by the Provincial government, will add over 10,000 new residential units within the next 3-4 years. This will dramatically change the population levels in the area, and could warrant making Dartmouth its own district. I strongly urge you to leave these areas in Dartmouth until the developments are complete, then consider at next district review whether a second Dartmouth riding is warranted.

Geographically and from a community linkage perspective, it makes more sense to have a Dartmouth riding that includes the areas currently proposed for removal. If shifts are needed to maintain population equity, joining Cole Harbour, Eastern Passage, the Prestons and Eastern Shore would create a cohesive boundary, and have Bedford, Sackville and Shubenacadie areas as another. These changes would address the desire to have some level of population equity among districts while maintaining community continuity.

Thank you,

19(1)

Electoral boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 4:26 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I wish to express that I am not in agreement with the redistribution of electoral boundaries for the Dartmouth / Cole Harbour area.

Specifically the line running up Main St. cuts a significant portion of Dartmouth off from the community they (we) are a part of and groups us with the distinctly separate community of Bedford. This line would make far more sense if it used hwy 118 as the dividing line since that would separate the predominantly residential areas of Dartmouth from the predominantly commercial / industrial area of Burnside. Bedford is not reasonably connected in any sensible way to Dartmouth.

Please reconsider this proposed boundary line.

Thank you,

19(1)

Electoral boundary changes in Dartmouth-Cole Harbour

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 8:50 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there,

19(1)

The people here are a lovely mix of country and city. We see the same people on the back country trails as we do at the restaurants downtown. This is a feeling I don't get in Bedford or Sackville, communities where the urban centre is completely centred around driving and which feel very suburban compared to the little city of Dartmouth. Please reconsider lumping all of these very different communities into one district!

Sincerely,

19(1)

proposed federal riding boundaries for Dartmouth—Cole Harbour

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 9:55 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello Ms. Carol Moulaison,

I've been advised the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia is proposing changes to the boundaries for Dartmouth Cole Harbour and to move some communities into the Bedford Sackville riding. This is a ridiculous idea, these communities are Dartmouth and should not be in any way moved to the Bedford Sackville riding. Boundaries should reflect communities' values, and shared experiences for fair representation and this isn't it. This proposed change can not be allowed. Please leave Dartmouth/Cole Harbour boundaries as they are.

19(1)

Re: Changes to Dartmouth-Cole Harbour boundaries

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 11:48 AM

To: 19(1)

Good morning:

Thank you very much for your written submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.
Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 7:48 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Changes to Dartmouth-Cole Harbour boundaries

Hi,

I'm writing about the proposed changes to the boundaries of the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour federal riding.

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If local identity is a factor in your considerations, which I'm told it is, I need to make it clear that people in my area absolutely do identify as living in Dartmouth, and **do not** see ourselves as having anything to do with Bedford or Sackville. I imagine that the same is even more true of those in the Tam-o'-Shanter Ridge area.

I can't imagine that anyone here would feel their local interests were being looked after by a candidate primarily focused on Bedford and Sackville.

19(1)

Changing of Dartmouth/Cole harbour boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 7:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good day,

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19(1) All of these areas are planned to be axed with the new boundaries being proposed for the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour area. This area has always been Dartmouth to me, my small bit of quiet living while also being very close to the Dartmouth core.

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With the new developments happening on Main Street, recent upgrades to the Mic Mac Mall, and major development happening in the areas of Braemar Drive to Montebello it is bizarre to now cut this area out of Dartmouth and loop it into an area that is a 20 minute drive away at best.

In short, leave Waverley road as part of Dartmouth. We are proud members of this community and I know I speak for more than just myself when I say we reject the idea of being cut from a community we have contributed to and worked hard to build.

Thank you,

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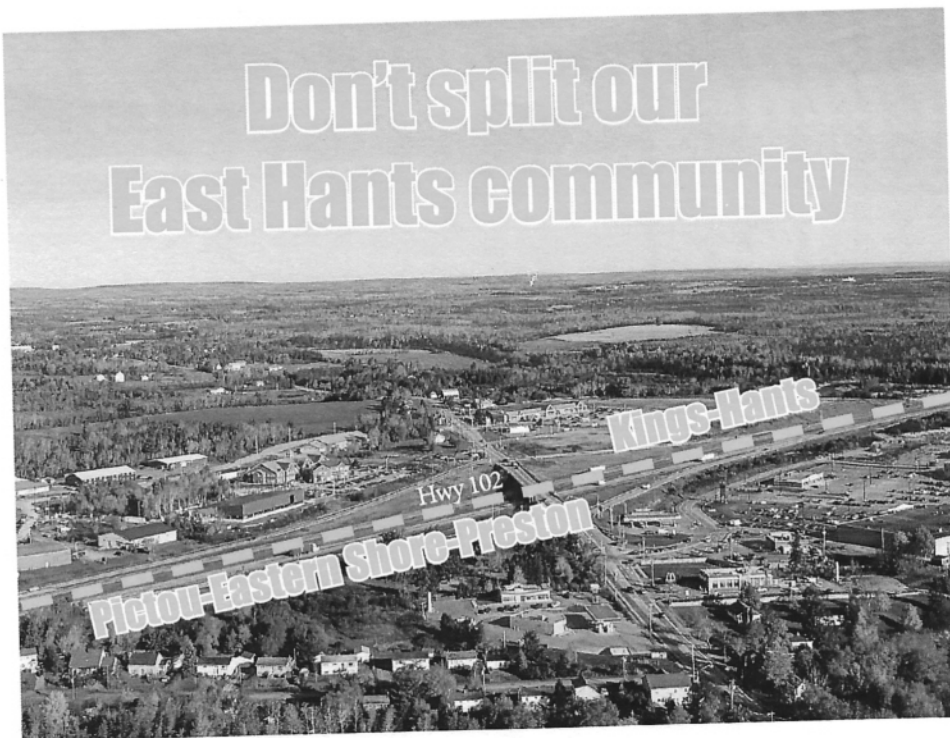
Dear Commissioners:

After reviewing the proposed changes to the federal riding boundaries of Nova Scotia, I urge you to reconsider your proposal to move Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford from the federal riding of Kings-Hants to the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. Since Confederation, the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford have always been included with the Municipality of East Hants in their respective electoral boundaries at the federal and provincial level.

19(1) I want these communities to be kept together in the federal electoral district of Kings-Hants.

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Halifax Federal Riding Boundary dissection

19(1)

Thu 5/26/2022 2:44 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Honourable Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois,
Louise Carbert
David Johnson

I am writing to specifically address the proposed boundary that would divide the community of Fergusons Cove from the Purcells Cove community and the community where I live 19(1)

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This proposed boundary is ill advised and unnecessary given the obvious simple solution. The boundary should be just after the last houses on the water side of the Purcells Cove Road just before the Provincial Park known as the Herring Cove lookoff. This would also ensure that York Redoubt, a federal park of significant historical and cultural connection to the communities mentioned above remains in the district as well as Fergusons Cove. There would virtually be no change in the population distribution as only about 25 homes would be affected.

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19(1) I can attest to the importance of keeping our community intact. We regularly call on the people of Fergusons Cove to become involved in the issues that impact on all of us. The people of Fergusons Cove are very supportive and active. Specifically, we are trying to keep the Backlands protected. This is so significant as we live in an area where the environment is very special. Much could be said but the point is this: please do not divide our communities!

Thank you very much for your attention to this very important matter.

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Sent from my iPad



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June 27, 2022

Ms. Carol Moulaison
 Commission Secretary
 Federal Electoral Boundary Com.
 Nova Scotia
 P.O. Box 70071 RPO
 Colbyville, Lower Sackville
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Dear Ms. Moulaison,

Please accept my recommendation with respect to Electoral Boundary Change. I suggest that the following two federal constituencies be created.

1. Cape Breton-Victoria consist of the municipal districts of Cape Breton county and Victoria county. Both counties are located on the eastern side of Cape Breton Island and are in close proximity to one another and share common interests.
 2. Strait Area Constituency consist of the four counties that border and are located on both sides of the Strait of Canso. Inverness, Richmond, Antigonish and Guysborough counties share common interests in close geography, economic activity, financial concerns as well as health and recreational activities.
- Thank you for your consideration.

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Nova Scotia Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Wed 5/4/2022 9:10 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning,

I was very interested to review the proposed federal electoral boundaries map for Nova Scotia. I appreciate all of the hard work put into this proposal and the difficult tradeoffs involved.

Much of the discussion of this proposal involves the need to change boundaries to accommodate growth in Halifax, and while that has been achieved to some degree the actual amount of representation allotted to the city has not changed at all. In fact, urban residents are being used to support existing rural ridings.

The inclusion of the Lawrencetown-Porters Lake area as well as the Hants Corridor in a riding with Pictou makes little sense when there is an obvious solution to expand Sydney-Victoria to encompass more of Cape Breton Island and include Antigonish-Port Hawkesbury in a riding with Pictou.

As well, including residents of Timberlea in a riding that stretches down to Liverpool does not align remotely with the settlement patterns of the area. Kings-Hants could be extended down to reflect the nature of the Valley, while the South Shore riding could be extended south to reflect the unique nature of South Shore communities.

These suggestions are obviously subject to the population specifics of these areas but I think they are highly workable.

Thank you very much for your work so far, I look forward to seeing the final product.

All the best,

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Redistribution 2022

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 7:35 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Justice C. Bourgeois, Dr. D. Johnson and Dr. L. Carpent;

You have in front of you in your own words:

Several observations were readily apparent to the Commission:

- The Province has recorded a population increase of 47,656 since the 2011 decennial census.
- There has been a significant increase in population in urban Halifax and its outlying areas. Notably, the riding of Halifax has increased in population by 14,367 in the last decade, and Halifax West accounts for over 50% of the province's growth, with an increase of 24,669.
- Although other rural constituencies have shown smaller decreases in population, Cape Breton—Canso (a decrease of 3,867), Central Nova (a decrease of 1,409) and Sydney—Victoria (a decrease of 967) have shown the greatest losses.
- If the electoral boundaries remained unchanged, one riding, Halifax West, exceeds the permissible 25% variance. In addition, several other electoral districts, based on the new population data, have variances approaching this limit.

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there was considerable discussion about how you might deal with the obvious growth in the Halifax-Dartmouth area and you indicated that you will be considering how to address this. I suggested that the losses in population in Cape Breton-Canso were not being recognised and that the very significant population gains in the Halifax-Dartmouth area too were not being recognised. I was not the first to comment on this.

You should not put all your trust in our metro population growth estimates put forward by groups such as the various Boards of Trade and various polling firms. They all tend to believe in and to promote "growth" for growth's sake. There are available to you better estimates such as the actual numbers of units that have been built and given occupancy permits in the two years since the last census, The number of Building Permits issued and under construction at present and of course the number of cranes speak to us all.

I enclose here what struck me as a rather significant indicator as the Province of Nova Scotia has taken steps to reconsider its massive VG and Infirmary Hospital rebuilding and expansion project that is reshaping our medical facilities in downtown Halifax, Dartmouth and in the Bayers Lake Business Park. I enclose this below and I hope it will assist? It is sobering to realise that the Province of Nova Scotia has taken a pause of up to a year to try and get a handle on the region's population growth.

A loss of a seat in Cape Breton-Canso, the formation of a new riding taking both sides of the 'Strait' (that may help to reform the "Pictou- Eastern Shore" huge and anomalous riding) and the recognition of the significant growth in the metro Halifax-Dartmouth area by forming two ridings of the Metro growth will not be out of order. You may well find that this approach will be widely-accepted as the Boundary Commission doing exactly what it has been asked to do for the 2022 job at hand.

Regards

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Misjudged population increases in Halifax area June 21, 2022 news article

19(1)

Tue 6/21/2022 11:42 AM

Nova Scotia

Tender award for Halifax Infirmary redevelopment delayed 'due to market conditions'

Internal documents show population projections for service requirements outdated

[Michael Gorman](#) · CBC News ·



Posted: Jun 21, 2022 6:00 AM AT | Last Updated: 5 hours ago

One of the recommendations in an internal report on the Halifax Infirmary redevelopment project is that a new emergency department be added to the plaThe

Boundary dividing HALIFAX WEST, SOUTH SHORE - ST MARGARETS, and HALIFAX

19(1)

Mon 5/2/2022 12:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Summary of my suggestion: Use the named trail system that has been built on old rail beds ("Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Trail" and its eastward extension "Chain of Lakes Trail") as the boundary, instead of Hwy 3 / St. Margarets Bay Rd. and Joseph Howe Dr.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to suggest an alternative to the use of Hwy 3 / St. Margarets Bay Rd as a boundary line dividing HALIFAX WEST from SOUTH SHORE - ST MARGARETS, extending from the Brunello golf facility through to Dunbrack Street; and, further east (moving toward the Rotary), to its use as the divider between HALIFAX WEST and HALIFAX.

It seems to me that people living on the two sides of St. Margarets Bay road in the Lakeside area (to the west of the Bayers Lake Industrial Park) are neighbours who live in the same historic community. I think the same might be said about the two sides of St. Margarets Bay Road between Dunbrack and the Rotary.

I would like to suggest that the Boundary Commission consider using the "Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Trail" and its eastward extension "Chain of Lakes Trail" as the boundary line, instead of Hwy 3 / St. Margarets Bay Rd. This would cut behind the residential properties lining the north side of St. Margarets Bay Rd, in the area to the west of the Bayers Lake Industrial Park. This change would place residences on both sides of that road in SOUTH SHORE - ST MARGARETS, rather than having one side of the road in HALIFAX WEST.

Continuing to the east of the industrial park and beyond Dunbrack, my suggested boundary (the Chain of Lakes Trail) would parallel the proposed boundary and cut behind the residences lining the north side of St. Margarets Bay Road; thus placing those properties together with their neighbours across the road, in HALIFAX rather than HALIFAX WEST.

Beyond Brook St, the Chain of Lakes Trail turns north and continues to parallel the proposed boundary on Joseph Howe Dr., joining it at the Hwy 102 overpass. I think it might make sense to consider using the Chain of Lakes Trail as the boundary all the way to proposed cutoff onto Hwy 102. This would move a few older residential streets (Craigmere, Rockwood, Walton, Rosemont, Retreat) from HALIFAX WEST to HALIFAX.

It seems to me that this trail system forms a natural electoral boundary because it follows what was an operational railroad for many decades. Hence communities tended to be built on one side or the other of the tracks, with little crossover. Furthermore, any subset of the changes that I have suggested could help to offset the ongoing rapid growth being experienced in HALIFAX WEST.

Yours truly,

Redrawing of Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Thu 4/28/2022 4:51 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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I am very concerned with this. We share many of our services (i.e. transit) with Halifax and are very connected to Purcell's Cove and other places which are slated to remain within the boundaries of Halifax. In fact, our community just started some action towards the revitalization of the Connaught Battery Park which will also remain within the boundaries of Halifax, but which is an integral component of our community.

Many members of our Ferguson's Cove Neighborhood Association are very opposed to this.

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Written submission to Electoral Boundaries Commission

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 9:05 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

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19(1) would like to provide a written submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia.

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19(1) would like to commend the work of the commission for drafting the current proposal. I had a chance to read it and discuss it with some co-workers. I think the proposal does a fair job of looking at population figures and keeping the Halifax communities together. While I appreciate part of the community could not be together to ensure population figures stay balanced, what the commission is proposing is fair.

I would like to ensure the Member of Parliament elected in current and future elections represents the urban core of Halifax Regional Municipality. While there are less urban parts of the riding, the core is the centre and it's important we keep this intact under one riding.

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19(1) There is much history, a sense of community, business interests and a feeling of neighbourhood that is important to me. Thank you for keeping this together and keeping it part of Halifax federal riding.

Thank you,

Proposal feedback

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 11:59 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi,

I just wanted to offer some brief feedback to the proposal that has been put forward by the Electoral Boundaries Commission in Nova Scotia.

I think that overall, the current proposal is strong, and does a good job protecting the right of voters to proportionality in our electoral system. It's also a **resilient proposal**, and probably does as much as can be done to keep electoral districts within the 25% variance over the next 10-years.

I do recognize that Halifax, 19(1) has the largest variance of any proposed districts, but I don't think it makes sense to cut anymore from the district, especially if the urban core nature of the district is to be preserved.

19(1) I do want to stress the importance of keeping the Halifax Peninsula intact, as the current proposal does.

I would encourage the Commission to hold somewhat firm in the lines as proposed. First, because proportionality is a key principle in giving our electoral system its legitimacy, and this is something the current proposal recognizes so well. Second, because to switch out which communities are being moved from one electoral district to another, would be profoundly unfair to any community that would be moved in revising the proposal, as they would have no notice of this and no opportunity to share their feedback in a consultation process. Unless you were presented with new information you did not have when designing this proposal, your original decision is probably the fairest.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Very best,

19(1)

Halifax Electoral Boundary

19(1)

Fri 4/29/2022 11:18 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello

I find it very disturbing that the communities around the Sambro loop are being put in an electoral district that has no connection to our communities. This redrawing of the boundaries for population purposes only should consider the detrimental effect this would have on our Federal representation in Ottawa.

Secondly, there does not appear to be any public hearings in our area to address the concerns of our communities.

Thank You

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19(1)

Redistribution of NS federal district boundaries - Halifax

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 10:25 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

This proposal balances populations between electoral districts while keeping communities of interest intact.

There is a good balance of reducing the overall population of the electoral district while maintaining its defining characteristic as a seat representing the urban core of HRM.

Since the Halifax Peninsula and North End represent something unique in our province, both in terms of shared history and urban density, the entirety of the Halifax Peninsula should remain in the Halifax Electoral District.

19(1)

Change NS Proposed Election Boundary

19(1)

Fri 4/29/2022 1:47 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom It May Concern,

The new proposed election boundaries for Nova Scotia do not represent 19(1) Fergusons Cove at all! We are closely tied to Halifax mainland economically (for work, shopping, dining and entertainment), educationally (as students and teachers), for health care and in our overall sensibility. The new proposed boundary splits Fergusons Cove and Purcells Cove which is like running a fence down the middle of a house. Our two coves have been long united through our neighborhood association, friendships and shared recreation that Connaught Battery offers.

Please redraw the map to include Fergusons Cove. The boundary should extend past York Redoubt, Arron's Way & Fortresses Drive.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Public consultation regarding the new federal electoral boundaries

19(1)

Thu 5/12/2022 11:47 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

19(1)

I'm writing today to voice my displeasure with the new proposed federal electoral boundaries.

I'd like to ask you to think about the communities you're lumping together into these new ridings, think about if they all share common concerns and interests, and think about if they can all be properly represented in Ottawa by 1 MP.

Looking at just 1 change you've made (Removing the Sambro Loop Community from Halifax and placing it inside South Shore-St. Margarets) you can see how they would be removed from the community. Many voters in this area would identify as Haligonians, many commute into downtown every day for work. 19(1)

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Furthermore there isn't even a road connecting the Loop community to the rest of SSSM, for the MP to get into the community they'd have to go through Halifax.

Another issue is the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. There are several communities in this proposed riding which don't share common issues and would be better served in their current riding. The area of Preston is one which historically has been under-represented, they were finally given their own riding at the provincial level making it the only riding in the province with a majority African-Nova Scotia population. If they are lumped into the Central Nova riding I don't see how they could be properly represented by an MP from Pictou county or Eastern shore. Another addition to this riding is the East Hants communities known as "The Corridor", these communities belong in the riding of Kings-Hants represented by Kody Blois. Kody has done a tremendous job representing this community, he is a resident of the Corridor and he knows the issues the people in these communities face. This community simply cannot be represented as well by an MP from Pictou county, the Eastern shore, or elsewhere in Central Nova.

Finally the changes made to Acadian Shore-Shelburne (West Nova) continue with the pattern of putting communities of different interests into the same riding. Shelburne ought to stay in the riding of South Shore-St Margarets, Shelburne is a fishing community which is consistent with the other communities in SSSM. Contralry, Shelburne doesn't fit the same way in West Nova, the issues of the Annapolis Valley are starkly different from the fisheries of Shelburne county. Ask anyone in Greenwood, Middleton or Bridgetown and they'll tell you they need an MP who knows the issues of Agriculture and the Farming industry.

In conclusion I'd ask that you rethink the new boundaries around these ridings, the decisions you make for these boundaries will shape many future elections and you need to get this right.

Best,

19(1)

response from a citizen of Halifax

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 11:30 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi! Thank you for doing this work. I have had the chance to review the documents and have tried to interpret the maps - which was no easy task. Here are my comments:

1. It looks like you have done a good job of redesigning the NS boundaries to balance populations.
2. The map for Halifax is good - reducing the numbers and keeping the urban core of Halifax intact.
3. I am worried that you might try to break up the Peninsula of Halifax. This would not be good. The peninsula is a distinct Community of communities that are linked together in every way. Please don't try to break it apart.

Many thanks for providing this opportunity for input.

19(1)

Re-drawing the Federal electoral map

19(1)

Thu 4/28/2022 1:12 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

I would like to point out that the whole community of Ferguson's Cove which extends along the Purcell's Cove Road until the name change of John Bracket Drive is far more connected to the community of Halifax than it is to the more rural riding of South Shore- St. Margaret's.

The community of Ferguson's Cove is very connected as we have an active neighbourhood association and we also have significant connection with the adjoining community of Purcell's Cove, sharing many of the same issues and concerns. We share the same recreation space of Connaught Battery Park which seems to be the boundary line for the two ridings.

I'm suggesting that the whole community of Ferguson's Cove, which is not very large, should continue to remain in the Halifax riding.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

feedback re: redrawing of federal electoral boundaries in NS

19(1)

Thu 5/5/2022 5:39 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there,

19(1)

I see that the electoral boundaries have been redrawn, disconnecting our community with our neighbouring community, Purcell's Cove (Purcell's Cove would remain part of a Halifax riding, while we would be shifted to the South Shore-St. Margaret's). We do not have any affiliation with the communities of the South Shore. We are essentially a suburb of Halifax, along with Purcell's Cove - there is no distance or difference between our communities. Halifax is the riding whose decisions affect our lives most immediately, and is where we live our lives; working, shopping and belonging to Halifax society and organizations, and on a Halifax city bus route. We have nothing to do with the South Shore/St Margaret's communities of Nova Scotia - we are not connected to them by road other than by driving back through the city of Halifax, and we do not shop, work, or have any connection to community organizations or concerns there. The same would go for residents of Herring Cove - they are a suburb of Halifax, on a Halifax city main bus route. It makes no sense politically to disconnect our communities from a Halifax riding.

Please consider re-locating the line so that Fergusons Cove remains with Purcell's Cove and Halifax.

Thanks very much for your time,

19(1)

Electoral boundaries for Timberlea, Nova Scotia

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 8:17 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

May 19, 2022

Ms. Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary,
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Dear Ms. Moulaison,

I am writing with regard to the proposed redistribution map the Commission has issued for Nova Scotia. My comments concern the proposal for the Halifax area ridings. Please consider this my written submission on the proposed map.

19(1)

My primary concern with the proposed new boundaries is that the Commission proposes to add Timberlea and Lakeside to South Shore-St. Margaret's. 19(1)

19(1) these communities are nothing like the communities I have lived in. They are rural; we are urban. They are resources based in their economic activity and we are government, educational and corporate business centred economies. Our communities have little in common with South Shore-St. Margaret's and I fear that any elected MP for this new riding will focus their attention on the larger county of Lunenburg and the rural County of Queens, leaving the assorted suburban Halifax communities' views unrepresented by the rural perspectives those two counties would require from their MP.

I do agree that Bedford 19(1), Sackville and Fall River represent a different community of interest than Halifax West; these are further from the Peninsula and have their own distinct city centres in Bedford and Sackville, separate from Halifax. I also believe that Beaver Bank 19(1) is best suited in the longer commuter communities found in Kings Hants from Kentville, New Minas and Wolfville where the 101 Highway is the linking community commuter pattern to Halifax. Most in these communities if not retired, are people who live and work in Halifax West and Halifax but choose a small town life rather than the urban Halifax life. The need to use the 101 to commute to Halifax creates a different community of interest than Halifax West.

Timberlea, like its sister community Hubley, are suburbs of Halifax. The South Shore is not. Neither is most of St. Margaret's Bay, which is still a working commercial fishing community. Hubley, Timberlea, Goodwood, White's Lake, Harrietsfield and the communities on both sides of Hammonds Plains are Halifax West. This is the community to which we belong and this is the riding that would best represent our like-minded communities in parliament. We shop in Bayer's Lake and Halifax. We visit the large

shopping districts in Halifax and attend live and movie theatres in Halifax. We do not live our lives in the South Shore. We only visit South Shore and St. Margaret's Bay.

I would propose to the commission that the primary community of interest criteria (as the commission references on page 6 of its report) for ¹⁹⁽¹⁾ is that of the communities of Hubley, Goodwood, White's Lake, Harrietsfield, Timberlea, Fairmont, both sides of the Hammonds Plains community, Fairview and Clayton Park up to Larry Uteck represent the true Halifax West Community of Interest. I would ask that the commission consider this as the appropriate community of interest for the areas ¹⁹⁽¹⁾

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Proposed boundary change for Halifax

19(1)

Thu 4/28/2022 7:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

I have just been made aware that my residence will no longer be considered as part of the Halifax district for the federal election.

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19(1)

This seems like a very odd boundary proposal for anyone that's lived here and understands the area. The Sambro loop belongs more to Halifax than it does to the South shore. The majority of the people here go to school, work and live in Halifax. It also contains a major cycling route around the loop for members of the city of Halifax.

Furthermore, the boundary transects right through the Ferguson's cove community aka *Ferguson's Cove Neighbourhood Association*.

This new proposed boundary is not in keeping with the community's historical, political or economic relationship with the new district.

Please reconsider the boundary to include the Sambro loop to reflect the best interests of this community.

Thank you,

19(1)

Public Hearing Participation from Richard N Rafuse

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 4:34 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

19(1)

There is a breakwater on port

property, the squadron places in cooperation of the Port aids to navigation in North West Arm , with the permission of the Port has a mooring field and marinas in the Arm under the Jurisdiction of the Port. The Squadron conducts sailing races in the Harbour all of which is coordinated with the Port. In addition substantially it's members are residents Halifax. The new should be south of Purcell Cove.

19(1)

Public Hearing Participation from Alan Ruffman

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 6:43 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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19(1) This I was assured would occur. It has not.

May I please formally request this be done?

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19(1)

Regards

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19(1) A solution that keeps most of the "Sambro Loop" in the Halifax Riding and will see Westmount and/or Fairview areas added to Halifax West BUT: A far more important consideration must be considered and it would appear that no consideration has been given to recognising that Cape Breton has lost its tradition %age share of NS's population Where Halifax Has significantly gained theb %age share. Cape Breton should only have one MP (not two) and the halifax area should gain a member i.e. six MPs.

19(1)

proposed boundary that will split the Fergusons Cove NS neighbourhood

19(1)

Tue 5/24/2022 1:47 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Commission:

While the proposed boundary change may make sense in terms of meeting the population quotas, it does not consider "communities of interest or identity, and historic and geographic factors."

Located on the west side of Halifax Harbour, my community of Fergusons Cove is historically and geographically aligned with Halifax -- the outermost piece of the Halifax Defense Complex being York Redoubt on the south side of the Fergusons Cove Road loop.

It's hard to imagine how the proposed boundary that splits us into separate ridings will serve a divided Ferguson's Cove community well. Our shared commercial, social, and educational interests are aligned with Boulderwood, Spryfield, Fleming Heights, and Downtown Halifax, as are the interests of communities south of us on the Sambro Loop, all of which have no road connection to the South Shore except via Halifax.

Putting the neighbourhoods of Fairmount and Bayers-Westwood in the riding of Halifax West at least leaves those neighbourhoods intact, and still part of Halifax.

The lack of consideration for our identity, history, and geography indicates the need to go back to the re-drawing board, to come up with a more thoughtful solution.

Thank you, and best regards

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19(1)

(No subject)

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 9:13 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern:

19(1)

I don't think I have much in common with the St Margarets Bay Riding. We are a suburb of Halifax, work, shop, and do our business in Halifax. 19(1) I vote no to this redistribution. If this goes ahead we will likely hardly see our MP and our concerns could get put aside. We would be more aligned with Clayton Park riding.

Thank You

19(1)

Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 4:41 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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19(1) With continued Halifax population growth, incremental boundary changes made by successive Commissions require increasing boundary contortions. The 2021 Halifax RM population was 439,819. That population divided by the electoral quota of 88,126 yields 4.99. This suggests there should be 5 electoral districts for Halifax. With only 4 EDs allocated, greater boundary contortions become necessary. 5 EDs for Halifax and 6 EDs for the remainder of NS would be more consistent with the Act's intent.

19(1)

Suggested new boundaries for BLT area

[REDACTED]

Sat 6/25/2022 1:36 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: BLT Residents Association <blt.residents.association@gmail.com> [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I and many others cannot understand why anyone on your Committee would split up our community. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In my travels within our community since your recommendation was published, I have yet to meet a single person that understands your reasoning or logic.

No one is in favour of splitting up our community.

Please explain or let's put this to a vote.

We all look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Written presentation on electoral boundaries in the proposed redistribution

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 10:08 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Members of the Commission,

The Federal NDP Halifax West Riding Association is happy to be involved in the review of the electoral boundaries. As one of the electoral districts that is above the 25% threshold, we understand that the riding as it currently stands will not be able to continue to exist in its current state. With that in mind, we support the proposed changes, as we feel that they will best serve the constituents and the community they live in while getting us closer to the median size.

While it is unfortunate to lose Bedford in these new changes, it is more important in our eyes that that community not be split into multiple electoral districts. As for the addition of part of Armdale, we understand that many people in that community would have strong ties to Fairview as well as the rest of Halifax West. I feel I can confidently say that as a resident of Fairview with connections to those living in Armdale. While it is not ideal that a community be split like that, we understand that communities do have the split somewhere, and this seems a reasonable choice to us.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on this. In addition to our support for the proposed new electoral boundaries, we would also like to thank the commission for all the hard work that has gone into this. Please let me know if there is any further clarification or details required on any of this.

Sincerely,

John Brassington
Federal NDP Halifax West Riding Association President

Re: Proposed Boundary Changes to Halifax West / South Shore Nova Scotia

NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 11:39 AM

To: 19(1)

Good morning:

Thank you for your submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

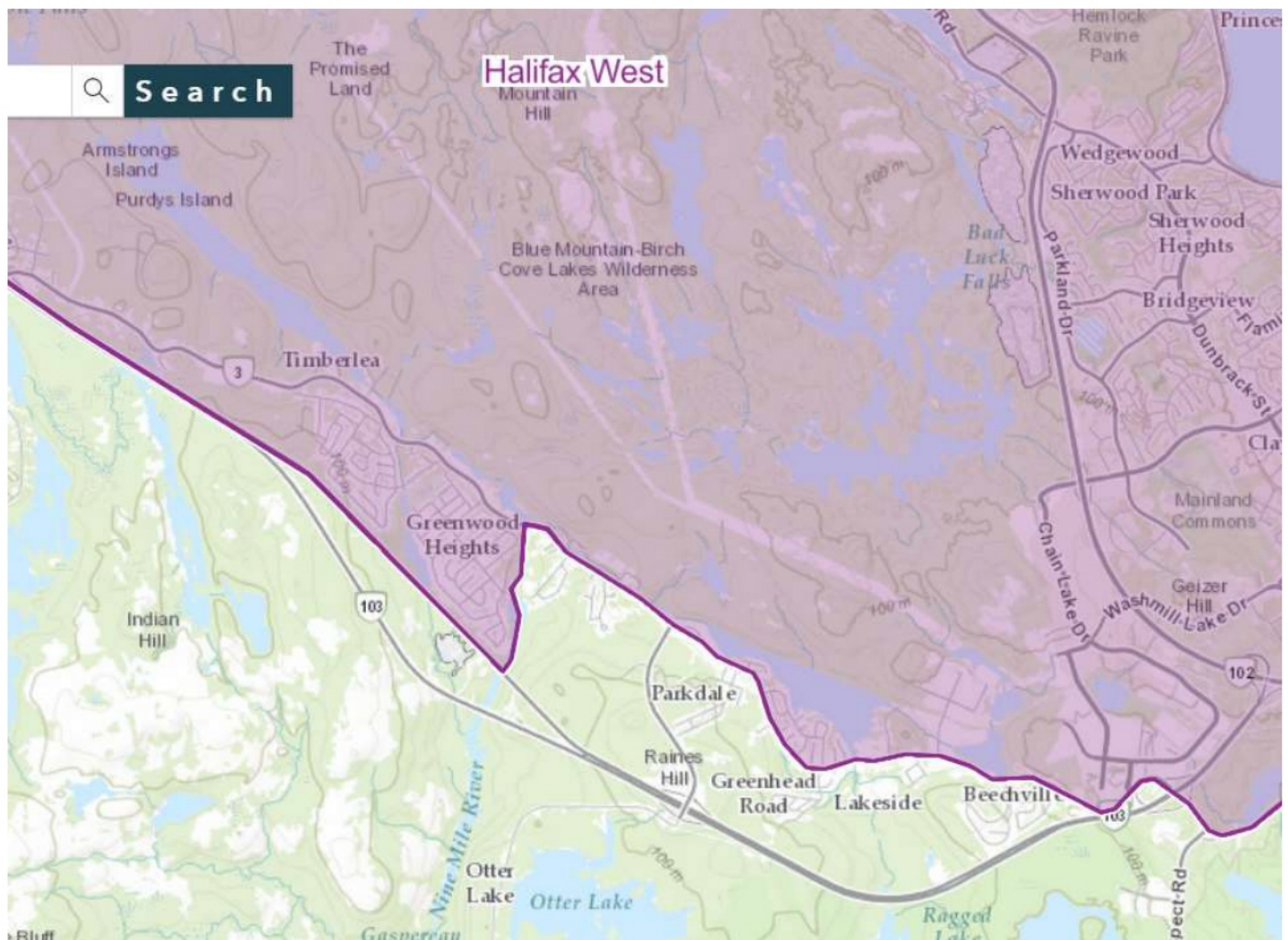
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 12:26 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Proposed Boundary Changes to Halifax West / South Shore Nova Scotia

In this proposal, you are splitting up Beechville / Lakeside / Timberlea, Nova Scotia: PLEASE KEEP BLT TOGETHER. We have a strong residents association. We have always been part of the same Federal District. It needs to include Parkdale, Raines Hill, Greenhead Road, Beechville and Lakeside.

Otherwise you will be dividing a community!!! NOT ACCEPTABLE. Change the boundary line to Highway 103 not Trunc 3 (St Margarets Bay Rd).



Respectfully submitted,

19(1)

Comments regarding the redistribution

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 8:19 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear members of the Commission,

19(1)

I am very disappointed by the fact that your proposal for redistribution regarding this riding has been conducted in a way that divides many families and communities into two different ridings. I have talked to some of these people and they have expressed their frustrations about this division. As an example, I can refer to parts of the Bedford which is going to be excluded from Halifax West.

In my opinion, the redistribution proposal should be adjusted in a way that does not divide the communities.

Regards,

19(1)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Proposed Federal Boundary Changes

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 8:45 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

I recognize that this has become a very large riding due to population growth. In fact the entire Halifax-Bedford area is said to be the fastest growing area of the country.

Hammonds Plains Road is a major artery and I understand it is suggested as a dividing line between new ridings. To proceed in this direction would splice 2 major communities in half.

Community is so very important and your idea would split both Bedford and Hammonds Plains.

Please keep Bedford intact including Bedford West because it is a connected community. Please keep Hammonds Plains neighborhoods together as they are a tight community.

If you must make changes please consider placing Hammonds Plains with Tantallon which is just up the road.

Also please consider realignment of all the Halifax areas. For example Clayton Park could be added to the Halifax riding and so could all of Fairview.

You are proposing to combine half of Bedford with Sackville and Beavertown. These communities are geographically separated and have little in common. And using Shubenacadie as part of the riding name simply has no relevance in this area. Shubenacadie is the name of an area in a different part of the Province.

As you are doing your work there are planning arrangements in place to build many more houses on both sides of Hammonds Plains Road in Bedford. This will fill in the community of Bedford and pretty much complete it. So Bedford alone could become Halifax West.

I urge you to leave the communities of Bedford and Hammonds Plains intact for voting purposes.

Thank you.

Sincerely

19(1)

Re: Comments on Proposed Map (Halifax West)

Cindy A. Bourgeois [19(1)]

Sun 5/29/2022 10:05 AM

To: Louise Carbert [19(1)]; NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; David Johnson <[19(1)]>

Hi Louise, I will follow up with Carol with respect to the screen shots. If they are not readily available, I will ask her to reach out to [19(1)] to resend.

Cindy

From: Louise Carbert [19(1)]

Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 8:38 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Cindy A. Bourgeois [19(1)]

[19(1)] David Johnson [19(1)]

Subject: RE: Comments on Proposed Map (Halifax West)

[19(1)]

We already received a submission advising using the BLT Trails instead of St. Margarets Bay Road in order to keep Beechside-Lakeside-Timberlea intact [19(1)]

[19(1)] said that he attached screenshots of his proposed maps; could we see those attachments? Thanks, Louise

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [NS-NE](#)

Sent: May 28, 2022 4:19 PM

To: [Cindy A. Bourgeois](#); [David Johnson](#); [Louise Carbert](#)

Subject: Fw: Comments on Proposed Map (Halifax West)

Hi everyone:

Here is an email with submissions and maps from [19(1)] Too difficult for me to print maps that would be useful.

From: [19(1)]

Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:43 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Re: Comments on Proposed Map (Halifax West)

Thanks, Carol! Have a great evening.

[19(1)]

On Thu, May 26, 2022 at 8:38 PM NS-NE <[NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca](#)> wrote:

Good evening:

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated May 26, 2022, with submissions, including the screen shots, which has been forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your input.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 12:47 PM
To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Comments on Proposed Map (Halifax West)

Hello Members of the Boundary Redistribution Commission,

Thank you for your difficult and important work.

19(1) I want to share my thoughts on the proposed map that was presented last month.

I attempted to share this via the interactive mapping tool, however, after spending quite a bit of time carving out precise boundaries, I was ultimately unable to submit my suggestions (I received a message about a "token error" which I didn't know how to fix).

Attached please find screenshots of the boundaries I wished to propose. My suggestion includes partially using the BLT Trail as a dividing line between ridings, and cutting across the area between the Hammonds Plains Road and St. Margaret's Bay Road to avoid some of the awkward community-cleaving that arises with the proposed map.

Here is the explanation I had prepared for my proposed boundaries:

This much improved map fulfills many goals 1) It does not cleave the long-established community of Bedford in half, 2) It does not add "new" territory to what is a growing and densifying riding, 3) It removes most of Beechville, Lakeside, and Timberlea, allowing them to fall into a different riding (as they do provincially with Timberlea-Prospect), 4) It shrinks the territory of Halifax West inward toward the basin in order to allow the less "urban" and "suburban" sections of the former riding to be grouped in more rural ridings, 5) It acknowledges the major planned developments in the MSVU/Larry Uteck/West Bedford area, 6) It uses easily discernible dividing lines (highways, trails, major roads, power lines) as much as possible, 7) It does not expand Halifax West onto the peninsula or into Dartmouth proper. In the absence of the addition of a new federal riding in HRM, this geographically smaller, denser, more urban/suburban version of Halifax West makes sense.

Kindly confirm that this message has been received and that this feedback will help inform the process going forward.

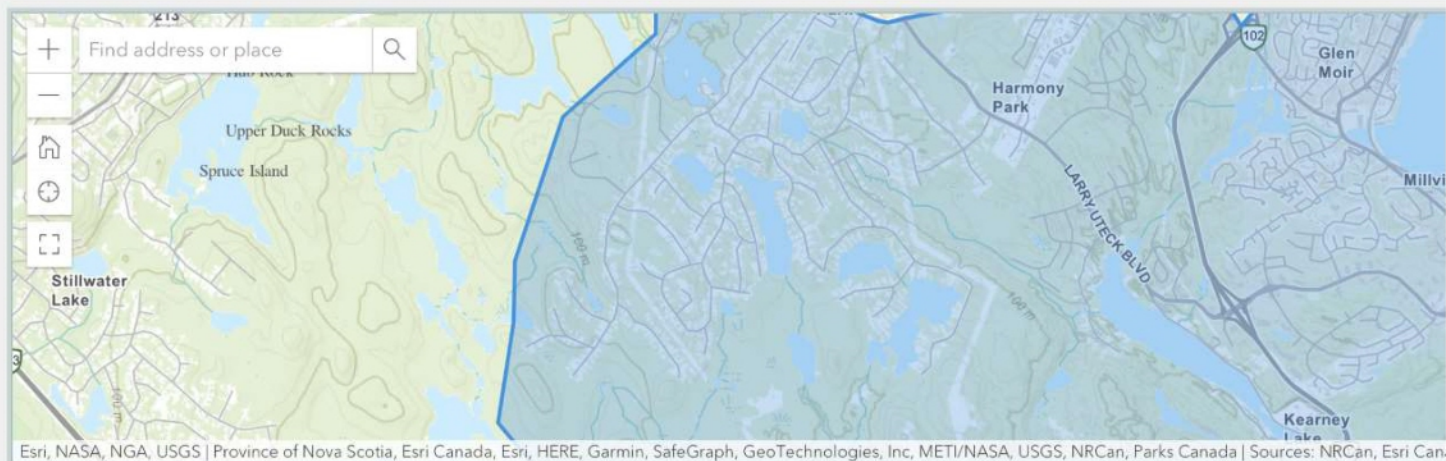
Thank you again,

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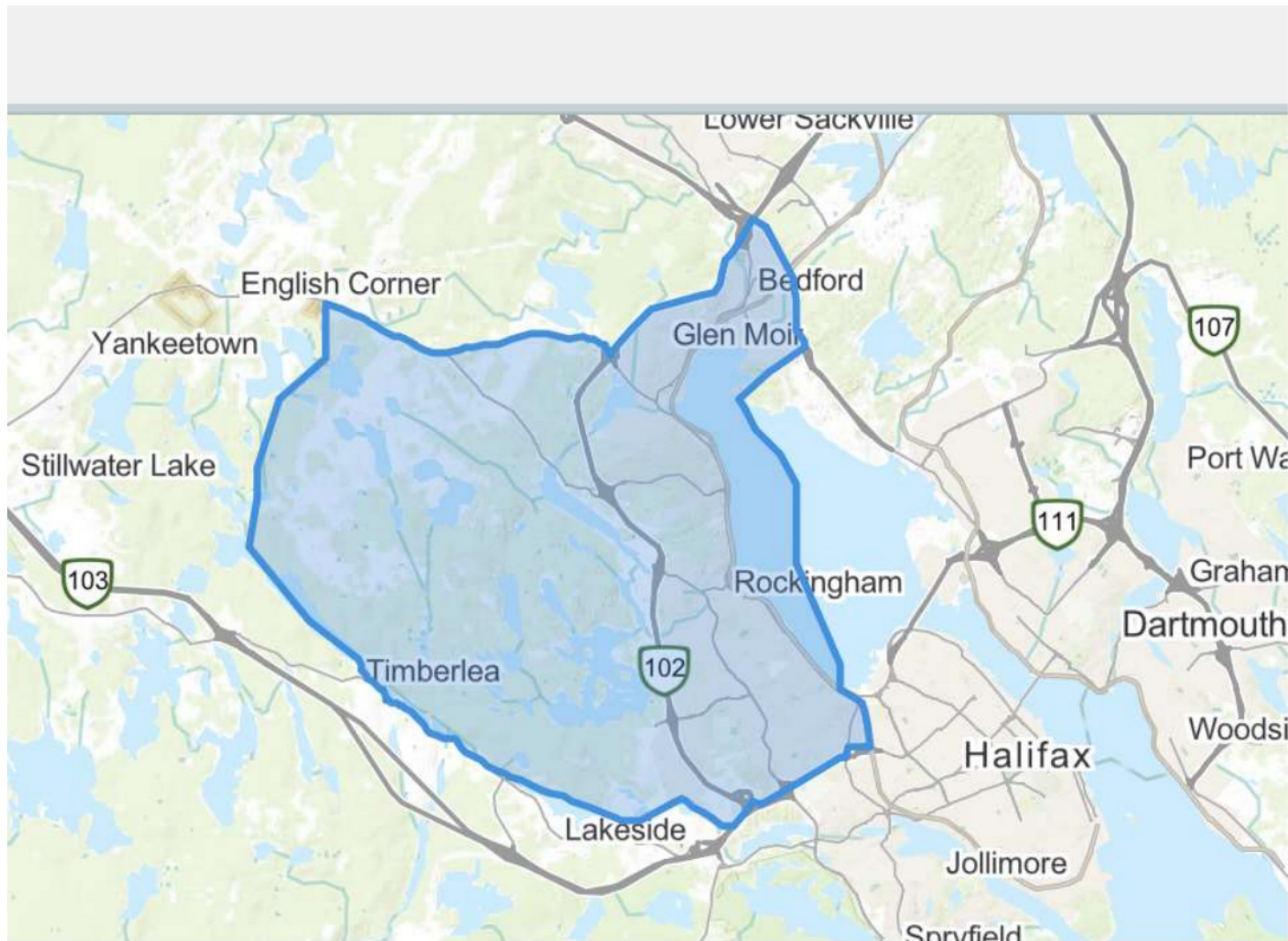
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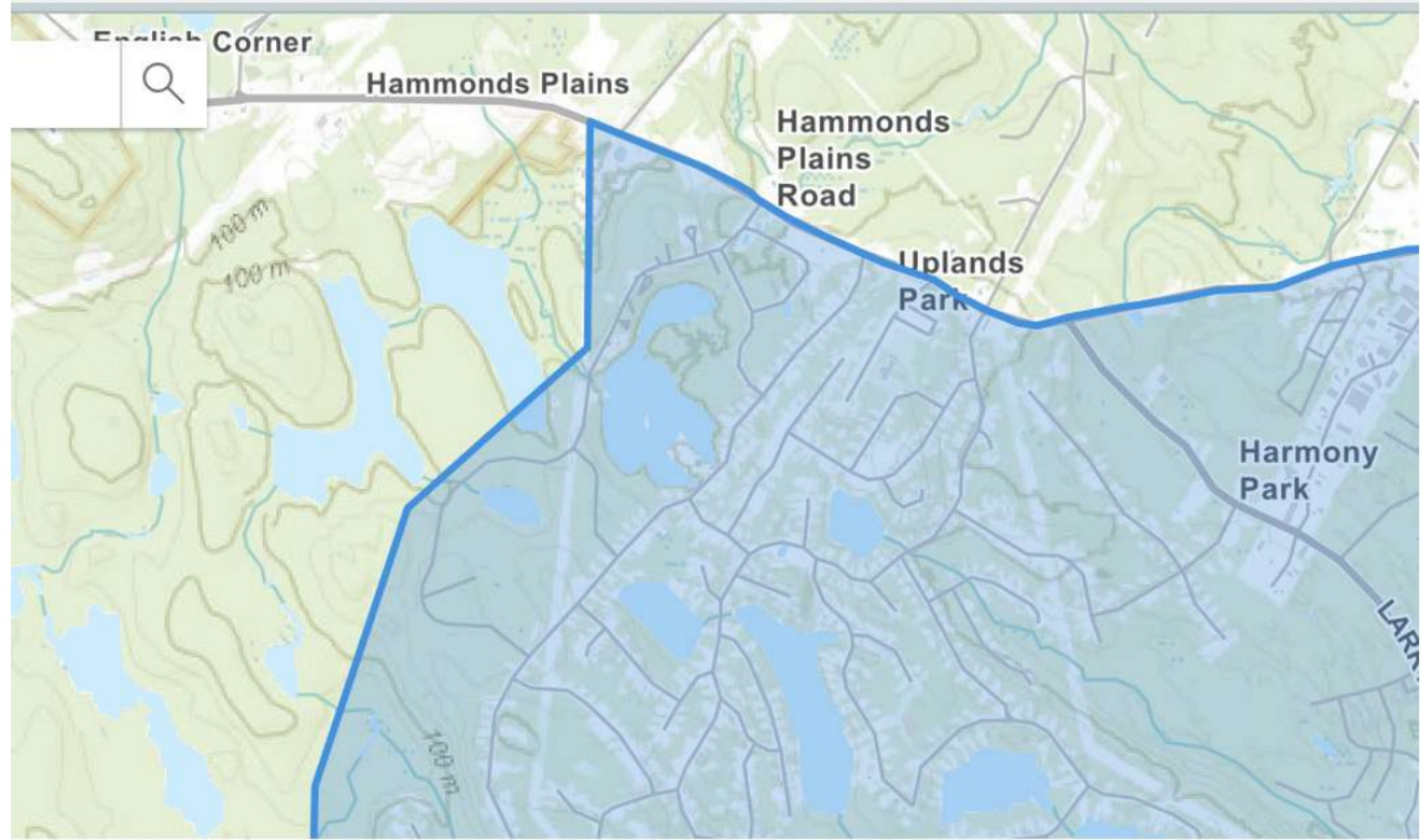
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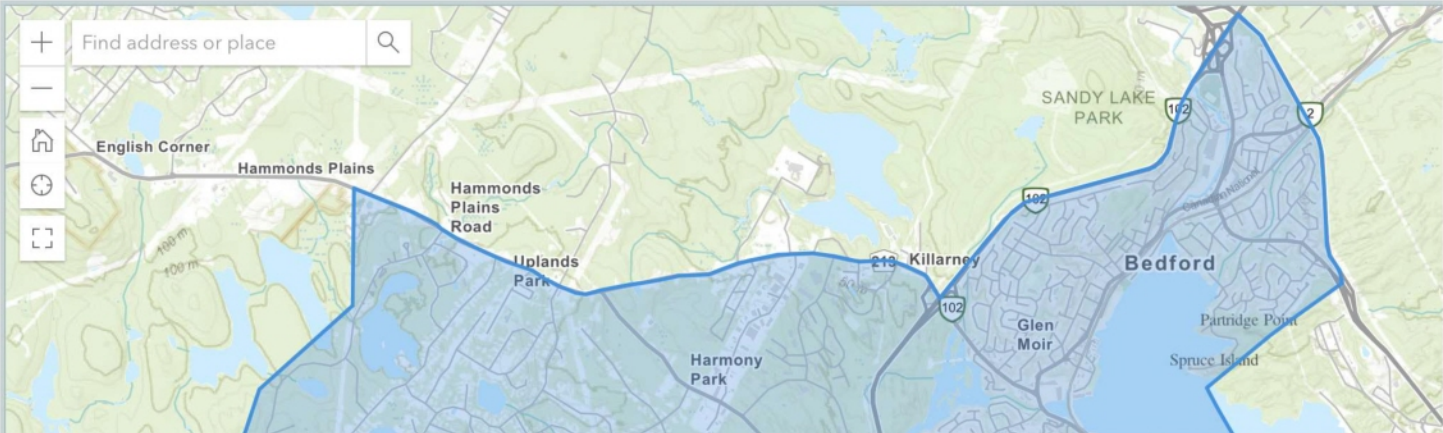
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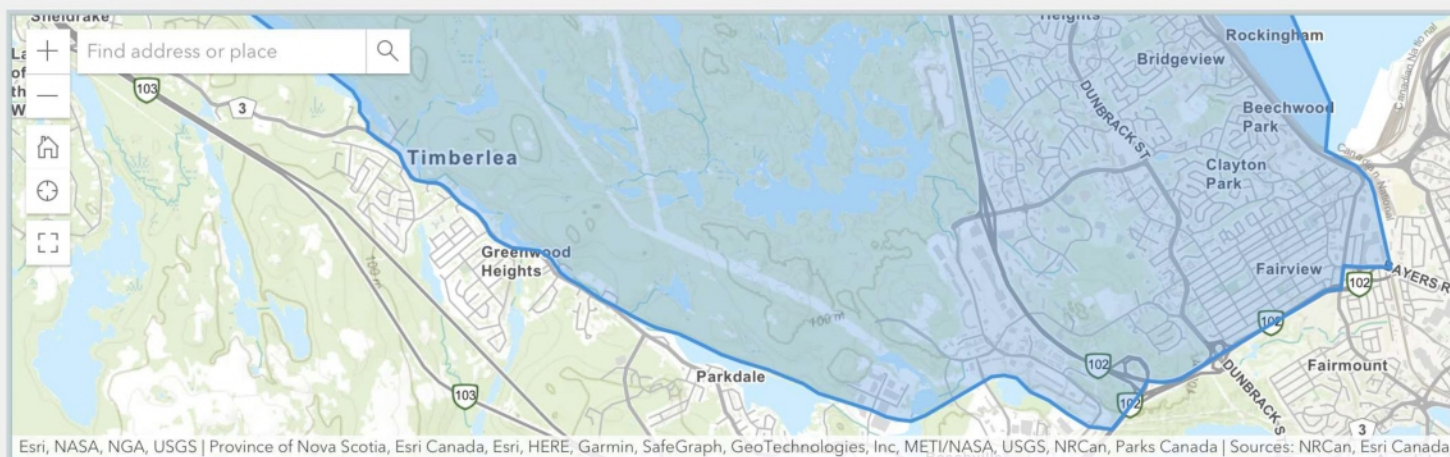
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Re: Halifax West proposed changes

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/24/2022 5:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good evening:

Thank you for your submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 4:22 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Halifax West proposed changes

[REDACTED]

I am writing to oppose the splitting of our community to be divided between two MPs/federal ridings. Those living in Timberlea have the same community issues and are much closer to the Halifax West riding than they would be to the South Shore riding.

Do not add Timberlea to the South Shore riding.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Re: Nova Scotia boundaries

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 6/28/2022 9:22 AM

To: 19(1)

Good morning:

Thank you for your written submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

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Commission Secretary

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

for Nova Scotia

Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:29 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Nova Scotia boundaries

Electoral Boundaries Commission Submission: 19(1)

Good evening. 19(1)

19(1) so I am familiar with the give and take of redistricting. I'll admit I always found it difficult to say a part should go to a new riding 19(1)

19(1)

I first want to commend the commission members for taking on this important and challenging task. Nova Scotia's population has grown and shifted, and this has implications for our electoral boundaries. I know your job will not have been easy, and I want to thank you for the care and diligence you've taken in your work, and for allowing communities to have their say at these public hearings.

I'm not going to propose specific boundaries. 19(1)

19(1) You're all very smart people and you can figure out which populations should go where.

19(1) the inadvisability of splitting communities. 19(1) the growing population in Halifax, and the need to keep suburban communities together.

The last time the federal electoral boundaries were re-drawn, 19(1)

19(1)

19(1) We made the case that it didn't make sense to remove a small number of people from its community of interest. We were pleased when these neighbourhoods were restored to their original riding at that time.

So here we are once again, going through the process of redistribution. And once again, I'm looking at the proposed boundaries and seeing part of Bedford in one riding and part in another. Ditto Hammonds Plains – divided right up the middle of Hammonds Plains Road, cutting off the historic African Nova Scotian communities of Upper Hammonds Plains and Lucasville from the rest of Hammonds Plains. It also concerns me that an historical community like Beechville is divided between two ridings. I would rather see whole communities moved, and that is what I'm requesting today – that you move all of one community rather than parts of several. It's disruptive and confusing to chop communities in half. They lose the power of their collective voice when you split them apart. I believe it's much better to move a community in its entirety whenever possible, or to leave a whole community in place. I know it's probably easier for busy commissioners to figure out and keeps the constituency populations similar, but going up the middle of a community is divisive. And at a time when politics are often divisive, I believe giving communities the ability to share their collective voice is one way to combat cynicism.

In addition, diluting the voice of an historically African Nova Scotian community like Beechville is concerning to me because as well as cutting that community in half, this proposal also moves part of the community into a predominantly rural riding. I would also urge the commissioners not to put communities like Beechville or the Prestons into mainly rural seats. 19(1)

19(1) but at a recent meeting, I was encouraged to be an ally for communities that have historically been discriminated against. And so I am asking you to reconsider your proposal, which removes both part of Beechville as well as the Prestons from HRM districts. These communities have been shunted aside throughout history. I know it was not the intention of the commissioners to perpetuate that treatment, so I ask you to please reconsider.

I would also humbly request that you keep my next point in mind as you prepare your final boundaries. The population of the Municipality of Halifax has grown considerably in the last few years. To be honest, I expected to see five of our eleven ridings in your proposal be metro seats. I was surprised to see the configurations outlined in the initial proposal; it looks to me like the commissioners have taken great pains to avoid giving Halifax a fifth seat, and have in fact placed a great number of communities from Halifax Municipality within primarily rural seats. This makes it difficult for rural MPs when they represent communities that are vastly different from their core population. I would urge the commissioners to keep Municipality residents in metro seats as much as possible. The issues facing HRM are often distinct from issues elsewhere in the province – and I believe it's important our capitol city be appropriately represented.

I also believe Nova Scotia's population data indicates that Halifax should have a fifth seat. According to the 2021 Census figures, Halifax Regional Municipality accounts for just over 45 percent of the population of the province (429,819 of the 969,383 Nova Scotians as of May 1st, 2021). Since that time, we've seen numerous articles indicating downtown Halifax is growing at the fastest rate in the country – at 26.1 percent. (That's ahead of Calgary at 21 percent and Toronto at 16.1 percent.) The Larry Uteck Drive area, which I used to represent, grew 81.1 percent since 2016. And since the census, our province's population has grown to more than a million people. (For more information, please see <https://signalhfx.ca/halifaxs-downtown-population-growing-at-fastest-pace-in-canada/#:~:text=The%20downtown%20area%20of%20Halifax,Canada%20in%20its%202021%20census.>) In fact, a January 13, 2022 release from Thomas Storning, the Director of Economics and Statistics for the province of Nova Scotia, indicates that "Halifax's population has risen to 460,232 or 46.4% of the provincial population." Given recent trends that have seen Halifax drive the growth of this province, and given recent growth in Halifax year over year, it makes sense to give Halifax that fifth seat. You can find Mr. Storning's analysis at: https://novascotia.ca/finance/statistics/archive_news.asp?id=17453

So if we do the math: 5 of 11 constituencies is 45.45 percent. Mr. Storning indicates Halifax Regional Municipality makes up 46.4 percent of the province's population. StatsCan's latest census from a year earlier indicated Halifax was home to 45.37 percent of the province's population. It makes sense to allot seats according to population. Just over 46 percent of the population should mean Halifax has at least 45 percent of the seats. As it stands, the current riding distribution and the proposed redistribution give Halifax only 4 of 11 seats – 36 percent. Now if you give Metro its due – its five seats -- some may say this will mean rural seats will be too big. But in response, I would say that even if you give Halifax Regional Municipality five seats, none of the remaining six seats will be among the top ten largest constituencies in the country. They won't even be close. And even if they are large, bigger federal ridings do receive extra budget and other supports to help their MPs represent their dispersed population. We should not discriminate against Metro; if its population warrants five seats, it should get five seats.

Finally, I would like to say that none of my remarks should be construed as calling into question the abilities or intentions of any of our Members of Parliament from Nova Scotia – no matter which party they represent. I want to thank the commissioners for their time and for listening to me and all the presenters tonight. I wish you well with your deliberations.

Sincerely,

19(1)

RE: Federal Boundary Review

19(1)

Fri 6/24/2022 1:31 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi 19(1)

My apologies if I was clear. I did not want to participate however, may I be the virtual meeting as an observer?

Thank You.

19(1)

From: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 12:38 PM

To: 19(1)

Subject: [External Email] Re: Federal Boundary Review

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Good afternoon, Iona:

Unfortunately, we are unable to add you to the list of presenters. We welcome you to forward written submissions before the deadline of June 28th.

Carol

Carol Moulaison

Commission Secretary

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

for Nova Scotia

Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:01 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

Subject: Federal Boundary Review

Good afternoon,

19(1)

Should this proposal be approved the community of Beechville Lakeside Timberlea would be split into two federal ridings (with half of Brunello, Lakeside and Beechville moving to South Shore while the other half of these communities will remain in the Halifax West district. This area to be reviewed is the location is also home to a historical black community that is connected as well and would like to remain together. The community would like to stay together.

I along with residents are very unhappy about this proposal and I have encouraged the residents to contact your office by email, phone or letter by June 28, 2022.

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Your assistance would be appreciated and I hope to receive the link.

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redistribution of Halifax West

19(1)

Fri 6/24/2022 5:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello.

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19(1) We do not think that the proposed new boundaries of Halifax West and Shubenacadie-Bedford Basin are appropriate..

While there are distinct regions within the riding, the original town of Bedford is a whole unit, and should not be split, as this new proposal has it. The north-east side of the Hammonds Plains Road was developed earlier than the area to the south, but the original Halifax city limit was closer to the current Larry Uteck Boulevard. If a boundary is required in this part of Halifax, that would be a more logical one than the Hammonds Plains Road, as it is already a provincial riding boundary.

Using the Hammonds Plains Road as the proposed riding boundary also splits the community of Hammonds Plains, further west. The provincial riding of Hammonds Plains-Lucasville is a better guideline for keeping the regions of that area together.

In the more easterly direction - attaching a small section of Dartmouth onto the Shubenacadie-Bedford Basin riding also seems inappropriate. Surely the non-residential section of Burnside is a better boundary than cutting through residential parts of Dartmouth?

I hope to see an adjustment in the proposed riding boundaries of Halifax West and Shubenacadie-Bedford Basin. Thank you.

19(1)

To: NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Title: Keep Shelburne in the South Shore!

Dear Redistribution Commission,

I am writing to you to express my wish to not have Shelburne County separated from the riding of South Shore—St. Margarets. Your recent proposal suggests removing the County from the riding and incorporating it into the neighboring riding of West Nova.

The removal of an entire county from the riding is destructive to its historical patterns and is not in line with previous electoral boundaries or communities of interest.

The counties of Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg have been historically part of the constituency of South Shore for over fifty years. Our riding was created in 1966 following the dissolution of Queens-Lunenburg and Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare and has since then remained intact with only minor adjustments to its boundary. And for almost four hundred years this part of Nova Scotia has had a unique character and has been called the South Shore. Combining with the Western Shore ignores this centuries of community distinction.

For more than 40 years, residents in Shelburne County have elected a representative for a riding that encompasses the South Shore. Historically, Shelburne County, like Lunenburg and Queens counties, welcomed immigrants known as foreign protestants from continental Europe. Whereas Argyle, which begins at the current boundary between South Shore—St. Margarets and West Nova, welcomed Acadian settlers, giving that region the apt title of the Acadian Shore. Shelburne County's history lends itself closer to the South Shore as opposed to the Acadian Shore.

Culturally, the South Shore is recognized for its fishing industry and welcoming tourism spirit. Fishing communities dot the South Shore from Chester to Clark's Harbour, and this way of life has tied together Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg counties for generations. Conversely, Shelburne County shares few economic similarities with major communities in the newly proposed "Acadian Shore—Shelburne" riding. Towns like Middleton and Bridgetown, and their environs in the Annapolis Valley have economies based on agriculture. Additionally, the fishing economies of Clare, St. Mary's Bay, and Argyle are as intertwined as those of Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg counties are to one another.

I would also like to express concern about your commission's failure to hold any public consultation in Shelburne County. Shelburne has been a part of the South Shore since 1966 and the splitting of this community without any local input is unsettling.

I would like to request that a public hearing take place within the county to allow the public to express input concerning your commission's proposal.

If no such meeting is granted, please accept this letter as my notice of representation at the public hearing in Bridgewater.

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I hope you consider my feedback as I believe it to be imperative that the County of Shelburne remain a part of South Shore St. Margarets.

Thank you,

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Re: Reconsideration Request of Boundary Proposal for Kings-Hants

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 6/28/2022 9:31 AM

To: 19(1)

Good morning:

Thank you for your submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:33 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Reconsideration Request of Boundary Proposal for Kings-Hants

To whom it may concern,

I strongly request that the proposed boundary changes for Kings-Hants not be implemented. Our communities of Milford, Lantz, Elmsdale and Enfield are tied, in too many ways to describe, to the rest of the Municipality of East Hants. 19(1)

19(1) I can't imagine Kody Blois no longer being our MP, no more than I could have imagined Scott Brison not being our MP. They are like family to us here. Changing the boundary would take away such an integral part of our sense of community. There are many other reasons that I will not go into, and I hope that I will not have to regret my not pleading the case further. Please reconsider, and preserve our communities intact, in all manner.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Kings Hants

19(1)

Sat 5/7/2022 9:11 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I looked at the map of federal boundary changes with consternation. The people of Hants County have always been within the Kings Hants riding. In East Hants, our municipal office is in Elmsdale. This new boundary would put the office outside Kings Hants. That makes no sense. The residents of the 102 corridor are strongly connected both to Hants County and to Halifax where many of them work. To add these communities to a riding where they have no connections is simply impractical and quite honestly, insulting. I expect it would contribute to already low voter turnout. I understand why you want to keep populations among riding more consistent. But please don't do it by tearing apart rural communities.

Yours sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Boundary Review - Kings Hants riding

19(1)

Sat 6/4/2022 9:46 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it may Concern.

I am in touch to register my disagreement with the proposed changes impacting the current riding noted in the subject line. Specifically, Kings Hants. 19(1)

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I understand the reasons for boundary reviews and that there are some benefits. However when those benefits accrue to the political and administrative systems and not to the citizenship, I am not in favour. I believe this to be the case here.

Others will describe for you far more eloquently than me reasons why this is a poor design. I will limit my comments to a request to reconsider, and to listen to those who live in the area.

Most sincerely,

19(1)

Re: Kings-Hants proposal

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 5/28/2022 11:27 AM

To: 19(1)

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your submissions dated May 27, 2022, which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
of Nova Scotia
Phone 1-855-776-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 2:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Kings-Hants proposal

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to reconsider your proposal of removing the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford from the Kings-Hants and placing them in the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. Please keep our community together in the same riding of Kings-Hants.

Thank you

19(1)

Proposed changes to Kings-Hants

19(1)

Mon 6/6/2022 11:45 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Morning

We have been reading the changes to the Kings-Hants riding and believe this does not fit, currently West and East Hants are expanding and looking for new ways to improve the area. The communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz & Milford are all closely attached to the current riding where as Pictou and Eastern Shore are not tied to these communities. We would ask that you kindly reconsider this change and keep Kings-Hants together.

Thank you

19(1)

(No subject)

19(1)

Sat 5/21/2022 12:24 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Electoral Boundaries Commission

May 20, 2022

The proposed changes to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford from the Kings-Hants federal riding is unacceptable .

There is such a strong community spirit in these area of East Hants .Not only are we geographically connected to Kings-Hants riding we have much history in the development of these lands . These communities have always acted as an East Hants unit and I stress the Hants as a common denominator , very much a vital contributor to Kings-Hants .

We have little or nothing in common with the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding. Not just physically but historically , there is nothing to connect us.

We are East Hants and a part of Kings-Hants riding and must remain so .

I cannot help but wonder if we are to be penalized by this Commission for the rapid growth in these areas. Looking at the number of eligible voters does not create a constituency, consider the people, it seems that our history and our infrastructure that we have developed over time means very little to you . We are more than just mere names on a map.

How will the areas of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston be interested in our concerns for our future ?

How could we possibly be interested in theirs whose borders are far removed from ours ?

Choosing Colchester County for the meeting site was strategic on your part, in hopes that many of us would not attend . Covid being very much a part of the real world at present is also a factor for many of us . I cannot be present and only hope that this Commission hears my voice and notes my grave concerns over this proposal.

I absolutely oppose this separation from Kings-Hants , keep us as we are !

Thank you,

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19(1)

May 30, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

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I have helped build our community to what it is today.

I am unsure of the government's final goal, but I am suggesting, as our MP, you work for the people of East Hants and reconsider the changing of the electoral boundaries.

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Do the decision makers of the new boundaries even live in East Hants?

Before you benefit from these changes, think of all the disadvantages it will have for those who live here.

East Hants is a well-established, well-loved community and we would like to keep it that way.

Yours Truly,

19(1)

Electoral boundaries

19(1)

Sun 6/5/2022 9:57 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning,

19(1)

we were informed of the review for changing our electoral boundaries.

We are not in favour of the change and would urge you to keep the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford together in the federal riding of King-Hants.

Thank you.

19(1)

Proposed changed to electoral boundaries for NS published April 2022

19(1)

Sat 5/21/2022 7:35 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Regarding proposed electoral boundary change for riding of Kings-Hants

We are submitting this email to voice our concerns regarding the proposed changes to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and parts of Milford from the Kings-Hants riding and place them in the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

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19(1) we are perplexed and saddened to conjure the possibility of being taken away from the Municipality of East Hants and placed in a riding where we have absolutely no natural connection.

We are aware that since Confederation, Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and the applicable portions of Milford have played an important and significant role in the East Hants Municipality. We are proud of this and value our right to speak up and be heard by your commission.

We want you to know this pride of community will be lost if we are forced to leave a Municipality we admire and hold in great esteem.

Our wish is that this proposed change be overturned and we can remain true to the area we have known and felt a feeling of belonging for so, so many years.

Sincerely

19(1)

Electoral Boundary Change - Enfield, NS

19(1)

Thu 6/9/2022 9:04 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Regarding the proposal to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford from Kings-Hants: the proposed boundary would remove communities, such as Lantz and Enfield, from our traditional riding of Kings Hants and group us with a county and shore area that our communities have no historical connection with.

We are united as a community, please keep us within the riding of Kings-Hants.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Kings-Hants proposed boundary changes

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 5:27 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

June 28, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia B4C 2N0

VIA EMAIL: NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Dear Justice Bourgeois and Commissioners,

Electoral boundary reviews are complex and challenging but necessary to ensure continued fairness and balance in electoral districts. Public hearings allow the Boundaries Commission to hear from those impacted and consider how to ensure that the result will satisfy both the overarching mandate of fairness as well as the needs of individual communities.

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19(1) In an earlier boundary review, a portion of Kings County in my then federal riding was shifted to the riding of West Nova. That change severed the provincial district of Kings West from the federal Kings-Hants district, leaving the provincial districts of Kings South and Kings North fully within the Kings-Hants federal boundary. It was a reasonable decision and kept communities of interest relatively intact.

I am very concerned that the Kings-Hants federal boundary proposed in the 2022 review may lead to a far more negative outcome for the current communities on the eastern boundary of the Kings-Hants district. Specifically, the proposal to remove a portion of East Hants and put it in the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston splits communities that have historically always been joined together.

I do not believe the interests of the residents of Milford, Lantz, Elmsdale and Enfield will be well served if the proposal is adopted. Further, I believe it will complicate the work of elected representatives to serve the areas readjusted if the proposal is implemented. Currently, these four communities are fully within the Municipality of East Hants and fully in the provincial electoral district of Hants East. A split at the federal level would confuse voters in the same community, muddle the work of the federal elected MP's who would be representing effectively the same but now divided East Hants area, and complicate the work of municipal and provincial officials on any joint initiatives they want to undertake with a federal partner.

I appreciate the complexities of the boundary readjustment exercise. However, I do believe that the variance allowance exists to prevent outcomes that could actually be a disservice to voters and make the work of elected and bureaucratic officials much more difficult. I am writing to suggest that the communities in the Municipality of East Hants should remain fully within the federal electoral district of Kings-Hants.

Sincerely,

19(1)



Reconsider Boundary Proposal

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 12:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi There,

I am an East Hants resident and was just made aware of the proposed changes to REMOVE the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and portions of Milford from Kings-Hants and place them in the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. This riding has NO Natural connection to East Hants whatsoever and should be strongly reconsidered.

Since Confederation, the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford have always been included with the rest of Municipality of East Hants and to put us under Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston makes no sense at all.

Thank you for your time.

19(1)

Federal electoral boundaries

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 10:35 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter to voice our concern regarding the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries for the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford. 19(1)

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19(1) These four communities are inextricably tied to the rest of the Municipality of East Hants through schools, fire halls, sports etc. We have been part of this great Municipality of East Hants for many years and see no reason for this proposed change. We sincerely hope that you will reconsider these changes. Thank you!

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Federal Electoral Boundary - Kings-Hants

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 7:40 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: kody.blois@parl.gc.ca <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca>

Dear Sir/Madam;

I understand that your commission is proposing changes to the federal electoral boundaries of Kings-Hants, Nova Scotia. If I understand correctly, highway 102 would form the easterly boundary of the electoral district, literally dividing my community of Elmsdale into two electoral districts, being represented by 2 different members of parliament, and quite possibly of different political stripes. The logic of doing this truly boggles my mind. The whole of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford are inseparably to the rest of the municipality of East Hants which includes crucial community infrastructures and businesses that integrate our communities as one. The municipality of East Hants has always been respected as an all-inclusive unit in terms of electoral boundaries, both provincially and federally. I strongly encourage you to visit East Hants so that you will have a better understanding of our communities and the negative and divisive impact your proposal will inflict. Please drop this notion and leave the electoral district of Kings-Hants as is.

19(1)

Election Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/3/2022 4:40 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I do not agree, that the western end on Kings county will be put in Acadian-Shelburne! All of Kings county should be in Kings-Hants!

19(1)

East Hants boundary

19(1)

Wed 6/1/2022 4:01 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom this may concern,

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19(1)

these two areas really have not a lot in common, ocean vs agricultural.

We are definitely more attuned to the King, Hants lifestyle.

Pictou is way out there.

please reconsider moving the boundary line.

I am absolutely against it.

Regards

19(1)

Kings-Hants riding changes

19(1)

Tue 5/24/2022 11:31 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good day,

19(1)

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the Kings-Hants communities which will place us in the Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding.

These changes seem to be based purely on the population data and will significantly impact our area without any thought to the consequences. This action will, effectively, split East Hants in two and then place our community within a riding in which we have absolutely no natural connection.

I would suggest that these changes not be implemented and would prefer it be left as is.

Thank you for your attention,

19(1)

Displacing East Hants boundaries

19(1)

Sat 5/21/2022 1:04 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I am not for moving our boundaries and am upset of the thought of it. We have no connection to the proposal you are trying to implement. I urge you to reconsider this proposal and keep the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford together in the federal riding of Kings-Hants.

Regards

19(1)

Kings-hants boarder decisions

19(1)

Fri 4/29/2022 9:23 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there,

19(1)

I do not agree with your decision to change it.

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Sent from my iPhone

Electoral Boundaries East Hants NS

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 6:55 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I am writing to state that our family totally disagrees with the changing of the electoral Boundaries for East Hants. East Hants as a group has always been our community and has built the infrastructure as was needed for East Hants. The proposed new riding has no connection or understanding of our needs.

19(1)

Proposed changes

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 11:39 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Morning

Please reconsider the recently proposed changes to the electoral boundaries of Enfield. 19(1)

19(1)

I understand the uniqueness of both areas and do not feel one representative could represent both areas efficiently or with the understanding of their needs.

Thanks

19(1)

Boundaries

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 10:11 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom this may concern

I have been recently made aware that there are proposed changes to the electoral boundaries and if supported they would become effective by the next election.

19(1)

Please reconsider this proposal and keep our communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford together in the federal riding of Kings-Hants.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Nova Scotia Electoral District Redistribution - Kings-Hants

19(1)

Wed 6/15/2022 8:18 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

19(1)

I wanted to contact the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia and state that I am firmly opposed to the proposed redistribution of the Kings-Hants electoral district as it is currently shown.

I recently heard a member of the Commission say on the radio "It is important for people to tell us not only that it won't work and they hate it, but also what will work". I would like to take this time to say that I don't like it and it won't work.

It is not sensible to take an established boundary as it exists and alter it without considering the community impact. The redistribution of the south side of Highway 102 in the East Hants area into another electoral district is nonsensical. This area is a growing community with strong associations to the rest of the Municipality of East Hants. It unfairly splits the established community. However, this begs the question - how do you define the boundaries of a community in a physical sense? I leave that to the experts. However, the boundary has been established as the Shubenacadie River in Municipal and Provincial electoral zones, and therefore there is not a precedent for it to be changed for Federal electoral zones.

I do not understand why a densely populated area is being removed from the King-Hants district, while the area is also being extended in the area south of Berwick.

I urge you to consider other options, rather than the removal of the communities of Elmsdale, Enfield, Lantz, and Milford from the Kings-Hants electoral zone and into the newly established Pictou-Eastern Shore - Preston. Do not split out East Hants community. I am shocked and appalled that a community meeting was not held in a central location within this zone, even as it is being so directly impacted by your proposal.

My suggestion is to leave the boundary as it exists currently. The corridor region of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford is experiencing rapid population growth, and it is not a good idea to move the electoral zone in the middle of this growth. Who knows the changes that might come with the growth of the community! Businesses, schools, Municipal infrastructure, and the environment could all be impacted.

Thank you for your time. A response would be appreciated, even if it is an auto-reply.

19(1)

Electoral Boundaries Redistribution- Enfield, Elmsdale and Lantz

19(1)

Fri 5/6/2022 1:53 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Commissioners,

I am sending this email in regards to the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries for Nova Scotia. 19(1)

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19(1) Over 40 percent of these groups would now represented by a different riding if the proposal is approved. This change in representation creates additional challenges for all future funding applications as well as, significantly more competition for these funding opportunities.

Furthermore there is no logical connection whatsoever between Enfield, Elmsdale and Lantz to the proposed communities recommended in the proposal.

Please accept this correspondence as an opportunity to reconsider the proposed changes and the impact they will have on the residents of our communities.

Sincerely,

19(1)



Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/24/2022 8:04 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Re Electoral Boundaries for East Hants: The members of the Hardwoodlands Women's Institute of Nova Scotia would like to express their view on the proposed federal electoral boundaries. As a community we carry out most of our business in the Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford areas. Our children/grandchildren go to school in those areas. As well, that is where we join our friends in many sporting events - playing and cheering them on. As a municipality, we would like to see East Hants all in the same electoral district. As for grants for funding, it would be better if all of East Hants was in the same district - federally, provincially and as a municipality. We are not in favor of the changes being proposed.

From the Members of the Hardwoodlands Women's Institute

19(1)

East Hants Community

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 10:23 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

19(1)

The news about the change in boundaries has taken me off guard. We have no connection to Pictou, Preton, and Eastern Shore communities whatsoever. You would be splitting up a community who has worked extremely hard to get where it is today. Splitting us up now just sounds absurd. I am asking you to please reconsider your decision. It is not too late to see what is right for East Hants.

I hope this message finds you well,

19(1)

Proposed riding changes

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 3:45 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello.

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19(1) the proposed change would be detrimental to my community and cause it to be arbitrarily placed in a riding to which there is no connection whatsoever.
Thank you for your time.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Keep Enfield Elmsdale Lantz Milford in Kings-Hants

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 9:59 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I disagree with changing the Kings-Hants electoral boundaries. Hants should remain intact. The riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston also does not make sense as areas with nothing to link them or have in common with them.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Electoral boundaries

[REDACTED]

Wed 5/18/2022 3:59 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have no connection nor anything in common with eastern shore Pictou. This area is growing on both sides of the 102 and it makes no sense to split it by a highway. Thank you in advance for taking a second look at this proposal.

Sent from my iPad

Federal riding redistribution

19(1)

Sun 6/5/2022 6:46 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern

19(1)

I feel very strongly that Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford should remain in the Hants-Kings county riding. This is where we belong and always have.

I ask you to please keep us in this Riding for the next election.

Sincerely

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone or iPad

Proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Sat 5/21/2022 9:55 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission:

We urge you to reconsider your proposal and keep the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford together in the Federal riding of Kings-Hants.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Electoral Boundry

19(1)

Thu 5/26/2022 3:03 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

;kody.blois@parl.gc.ca <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca>

I am writing to vote NO to the redistribution of the Electoral Boundry of Kings-Hants. The change is not logical. The areas of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford have commonalities with areas in the rest of Hants and Kings counties, such as rural areas, farms, tourism and parks to name a few. This area has very little in common with Pictou or Preston or Eastern Shore. I hope that this isn't a downsizing of representatives for this area federally as I believe because of the growth of the Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford – this area could be split with their own representative. This area is the fastest growing area in the Province. This electoral district should be left as is and definitely NOT changed.

Sincerely Yours,

19(1)

Hon. Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois, Chair
c/o Carol Moulaison, Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS
B4C 2N0

May 19th, 2022

To Email: NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
From Email: 19(1)

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I am writing to register strong opposition to the proposed boundary changes to the federal electoral boundaries for Nova Scotia that were published by the Commission April 27th, 2022.

I am specifically concerned with boundary changes between the two reconfigured proposed federal districts of Kings-Hants and Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston, most notably, the proposal to move the long established Kings-Hants boundary running along the Shubenacadie River to a new boundary running parallel to the NS HWY 102, adjacent to and splitting-up the East Hants communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford.

My understanding is the splitting of these four communities involves removal of about 8,050 residents from the proposed re-drawn Kings-Hants District and adding them to the new Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston District. While Sect 15 of the Act sets out that each district must correspond as reasonably as is possible to the electoral quota (currently 88,126), the cited Court interpretation of “effective representation” can reflect justified variations of + or – 25% from the electoral quota. A variation in voter parity in this specific case is justified to forestall negative impacts on these communities and the unnecessary disturbance of this existing boundary.

By returning the above boundary to run along the Shubenacadie River, the Kings-Hants electoral district will be well within the 25% guideline, but more importantly, effective representation will be restored by not arbitrarily dividing the four named communities which would have created confusion, lower voter confidence and reduced voter participation.

The following points highlight opposition to the specific boundary change and support for retaining the boundary along the Shubenacadie River in Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford.

1. The communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford in Hants County have little or no community affinity or ties with the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston district. Diligence should have affirmed that the Shubenacadie River forms an historic, natural

and workable boundary separation. These communities have no natural connection, common identity, communications activities or shared historical pattern with the new district.

2. 19(1) I can say the above impacted four communities have always been included with the rest of the Municipality of East Hants in their respective electoral boundaries at the federal or provincial level. An effective record of municipal, provincial and federal coordination of interests reflects in large part, the continuity and logic of electoral boundaries that has led to essential community infrastructures and an undivided business community. Hwy 102 has never been a boundary for any of these interests. The Commission proposal in effect will disconnect and disenfranchise (federal) voters in the separated communities.
3. The proposal unnecessarily complicates and burdens a grassroots initiative to get the Shubenacadie waterway nominated as Canada's 41st Canadian Heritage River System. Local volunteers from the communities effected, have been working with the MPs, MLAs and Councillors of the various jurisdictions along the river to build consensus to get the waterway F/P designated. The boundary proposal unnecessarily adds a 4th federal electoral district to this consensus process. The river has been a Mi'kmaq corridor for trade and settlement pre-colonialization and today, for fishing, recreation and healing. The river is the traditional boundary, not to be diminished as in the Commission proposal. Not to acknowledge this or delay the river's national recognition for its ecological and cultural diversity and history, "creates a cascading effect" or collateral damage to community-based interests.

Madam Chair, I agree with your statement that changing boundaries "is very difficult to do the balancing act," a reference to unintended consequences. In the specific instance of cutting-up the East Hants communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford for the exclusive benefit of adding electors to the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding, violates the principles of effective representation for thousands of residents. I respectfully submit the balance has not been met in this specific instance. I respectfully request the Commission reinstate the Shubenacadie River as the historically legitimate and only workable electoral boundary solution for Kings-Hants.

Respectfully submitted,

19(1)

Kings Hants boundary changes

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 4:01 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Commission Members,

I'm writing to strongly object to the proposed changes to the riding of Kings Hants.

19(1)

There are a strong historic, cultural, social and economic connections across and among the East Hants 'corridor' area (Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford), the Rawdon Hills and Fundy shore communities and those in the Valley/Kings county. These connections are such that, although we in the 'corridor' are on the edge of the riding, we feel well represented and fully part of our riding. This is highly unlikely to be the case if we are carved off into another riding. Instead I suspect citizens will feel disconnected and disengaged from our political representation.

Again, I object to the proposed boundary changes, and ask that Kings Hants boundary be left as it is now.

Thank you for your consideration,

19(1)

Federal Boundaries for Kings-Hants

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 5:51 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I am writing to request that the proposed changes to the Kings-Hants riding as it pertains to the federal electoral Boundaries do not take place.

19(1)

would like to continue to be able to vote in a riding that is relevant to where I live.

Please don't split up East Hants. Thank you

19(1)

Proposed Changes to Federal Election Boundaries

19(1)

Wed 5/25/2022 5:57 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: kody.blois@parl.gc.ca <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca>

Dear Commission Members:

It has come to our attention, 19(1) that proposed changes to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford (the Corridor) from Kings-Hants and place them in the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston is being considered.

We believe this is wrong!

Communities, no matter the location, thrive on a "sense of community" and this includes being proud of your community and its inclusiveness; not being divided. If this decision is made, rather than encouraging substantial residential growth in our community, it could do the opposite.

Another important point is our representative, Cody Blois. 19(1)

19(1)

Respectfully submitted,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

RE: Federal Electoral Boundaries for Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz & portions of Milford - Municipality of East Hants, Nova Scotia

19(1)

Tue 5/31/2022 12:45 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Afternoon,

I am writing this email with great concern regarding the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries in the above-mentioned subject line. 19(1)

19(1) do not agree at all with our community as well as Enfield, Elmsdale and portions of Milford being placed into the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. This riding has nothing to do whatsoever with our communities and we would probably have to go some distance in order to vote.

We hope this does not come to pass. If it does, we will probably not be voting in future federal elections.

Regards,

19(1)

Lantz Boundaries

19(1)

Tue 5/24/2022 3:54 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern:

We are opposed to any changes to our community of Lantz. 19(1)

19(1) We have no connection to the new boundaries you are proposing.....

There is no excuse nor valid reason for you (the government) to be doing this without at least us people taking a vote on it as we should in a democracy and I can assure you we would be the majority (against this move).

DO NOT MAKE THESE RIDICULOUS CHANGES!!!!

19(1)

Election Boundary

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 2:33 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello, 19(1) I would like to express my concern and displeasure of dividing East Hants. I am opposed to moving the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and a portion of Milford from Kings-Hants to the riding of Pictor-Eastern Shore-Preston.

19(1)

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Federal Electoral Boundaries

[REDACTED]

Wed 5/25/2022 6:07 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it May Concern,

After reading a letter advising that the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for NS is planning on changing the boundaries for my community, I thought that I should express my opinion on this matter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It does not make sense to place us in the riding of Pictou and Eastern Shore - Preston.

This decision appears to have been made by people who are not familiar with our demographic. Please reconsider your proposal, as it is not in the best interest of the small communities in East Hants, and leave us as we are presently.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Kings Hants riding

19(1)

Sat 6/4/2022 10:40 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express concern that the proposed boundary changes for Kings Hants are misguided and should be dropped. 19(1) I feel it critically important that this vibrant community of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford be together as one voting voice. Associating us with communities as far away as Preston makes no sense at all, other than perhaps numerically; there must be a better way.

Leave our riding alone please.

Regards,

19(1)

Proposed changes

19(1)

Sat 6/18/2022 9:26 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: Kody Blois <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca>

19(1)

thanks to our MP, Kody Blois I have learned of proposed changes.

My question to you is very simple: Why would you even consider making this change? Obviously, common sense doesn't exist in this proposal! Kings & Hants Counties are like 2 peas in a pod and your idea is absurd. It seems that you haven't done your homework & I question whether you have visited the riding..

I look forward to hearing from you if you have the intestinal fortitude to reply to a constituent. I encourage you to put the dartboard away and leave the riding as it is. Kings-Hants is a vibrant riding and it's well represented by our current MP, Kody Blois.

19(1)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Boundary changes

19(1)

Mon 5/16/2022 9:13 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning,

19(1)

I believe Shubenacadie is in East Hants, (Hants County).

I have been looking at the new proposed boundaries, for which I have no issue, change is good and sometimes necessary.

I cannot find where Shubenacadie fits in the new boundary map.

It appears part of East Hants, Enfield- Milford will now be part of Preston-Eastern Shore-Pictou district, leaving the Kings-Hants district. Also that there will be no change in Cumberland-Colchester.

I have looked, read but cannot figure out where that leaves our small community.

Can you please let me know where our community fits in, do we remain part of Kings-Hants?

Thanks,

19(1)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Kings-Hants Riding

19(1)

Sun 6/5/2022 10:23 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Correction ...

I my recent email regarding keeping the area of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford, to remain in the Federal Riding of Kings-Hants, I called the area Hants-North Riding in error!

Please correct my error!

Thank you!

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Changing Federal Riding of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford, N.S.

19(1)

Sun 6/5/2022 4:29 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I wish to voice my concern and total opposition to changing the Federal voting boundaries of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford, Nova Scotia!

Keep these communities in East Hants! Hants-North Riding!

19(1)

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Re: The remove Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford from Kings-Hants

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 6/14/2022 1:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon:

Thank you for your written submissions which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 9:10 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: The remove Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford from Kings-Hants

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it would be a shame to have this shift happen, and be torn from the Hants community. The continued communication via mail; of the events and attractions in Hants County. This type of stuff would be missed greatly. This community has made us feel very welcome. That's saying a lot from me when I come from a family who was constantly on the move. Comming out here and seeing how involved people get and the numbers that come out and support.

[REDACTED]

Boundary reformation

19(1)

Thu 5/26/2022 4:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Day,

I am writing to you on behalf of my family. After reading about the proposed electoral boundary changes for our area, I was compelled to write and show my dismay over this possibility. 19(1)

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We have a strong affiliation with our surrounding communities. 19(1)

19(1)

19(1) Elmsdale, Enfield, Lantz and Milford are tied together with the soul of the people that make up our community.

On the National stage, our representation in the federal government knows our area, grew up in our neighbourhood and understands the needs of his community. It does not make sense to us that someone who knows nothing about how we are, and how we work, should represent us to the federal government.

As I am unable to attend the in-person meeting in Truro, please accept this as our family's disagreement with the electoral boundary reformation. While I am sure the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston has represented their community well, it is not our community. This change should not happen and it will be a detriment to our community if it does so.

19(1)

Federal boundary Redistribution

19(1)

Sat 6/4/2022 9:46 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Day,

This letter is against the Federal boundary redistribution.

19(1)

19(1) can not accept this boundary change.

It is ridiculous to think we should join another district.

Thank you for your consideration.

19(1)

Re: Boundary changes

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 5/28/2022 11:35 AM

To: 19(1)

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your submissions dated May 25, 2022, which have been forwarded to the Commission.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
of Nova Scotia
Phone 1-855-776-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 10:01 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Boundary changes

I am writing this in opposition to the proposed boundary changes for East Hants

19(1)

Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz are big parts of our community and should not be separated

These kids go to school together, play sports together, and hopefully someday will continue to live in this community as adults

Please leave the East Hants boundaries as they are now

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Thanks

19(1)

(No subject)

19(1)

Tue 5/24/2022 4:43 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it may concern.....i have read the proposed changes concerning electoral boundaries for East Hants and I must say it seems a very poor effort in looking after our area. It is totally disjointed as we are not connected in anyway to the new area.

I am sure it can be adjusted in a way that keeps us with all of Hants county.

I hope you do consider that many people in the area are opposed.

Regards,

19(1)

New Riding- Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 9:36 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: kody.blois@parl.gc.ca <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca>

Good evening,

19(1)

19(1) To potentially not be a part of that is a scary thought. Highway 102 is a key part of our province, but it is not a natural divide to so many communities who have built themselves around it. There is a shared business park in Elmsdale, many schools, legions, gyms, etc., that are shared in the community. We need to continue to stay united in our riding and not be divided by the Highway, something that is meant to keep us together. In addition, East Hants has no major connection to Pictou or the Eastern Shore. Those areas have different economic and social priorities. It would be very unfortunate to group all these communities together.

Thank you for your time,

19(1)

Re: Kings Hants Boundary Review

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 6/11/2022 3:05 PM

To: 19(1)

Good afternoon 19(1)

Thank you for your written submissions, which have been forwarded to the Commission.
Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 12:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

Subject: Kings Hants Boundary Review

Hon. Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois (Chair)
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia
B4C 2N0

June 10, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

I appreciate this opportunity to offer some input for your consideration regarding the future boundaries for the riding of Kings Hants and its neighbouring ridings. 19(1)

19(1) The
end of the ten year time period since the previous provincial boundary review occurred while we were the government. I don't envy you your task but recognize the importance of it.

19(1)

I do understand the parameters that the Commission will consider in trying to determine where a new boundary will be drawn or, perhaps, a present one retained. I would submit that maintaining a community of interest should be the consideration that takes precedence over others. Identifying the "interest" may not be so straightforward. Certainly, natural boundaries at some point in time would have restrained people to a particular geographic area but in the twenty-first century that impact is not as great as it once was. The Shubenacadie River is the present eastern boundary for the Riding of Kings Hants. Even though the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford and Shubenacadie all extend across the river, the core of the communities; school-wise, church-wise and business-wise has historically been on the western side of the Shubenacadie River following the old Number 2 Hwy through what since the 1970s has been referred to as the "corridor". I do want to emphasize the point that the school board districts were separated by the Shubenacadie River and I contend that this institutional barrier may perhaps separate communities more than any physical barrier.

I understand from my MP, Kody Blois, that the present proposal is to use the Trans Canada Highway, the 102, as the eastern boundary of the Riding of Kings Hants and allow the portions of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford and Shubenacadie between the Highway and the Shubenacadie River to become part of another to be newly created riding. This highway is certainly not a natural boundary. It is designed to move people and goods through the riding and does not lend itself to the identity of the people there.

19(1)

The point I'm trying to get to is that the community of interest that is the underpinning of the riding that the people of Kings and Hants are linked by is how the use of resources and agricultural sectors have allowed for people to settle and work both historically and in present day. I've indicated the personal history and impact of gold mining on my own family. As you might expect we weren't the only ones. In Hants County the gold mining districts were, Renfrew, Rawdon Gold Mines and the Uniacke gold district. Gold wasn't the only mineral. Barite was mined in Walton. That community straddled the border between east and west Hants County. The largest part of the community's population was in the provincial constituency of Hants East with the mine itself in Hants West. The mineral probably best known here, after gold, is gypsum. Many of us can attest to the hardness of our water as a result of the gypsum in our soils. There were two large gypsum operations in Kings Hants; Fundy Gypsum in Windsor and National Gypsum in Milford. Fundy Gypsum operated for eighty-seven years and National Gypsum is still operating in the neighbourhood of sixty years. Companies that operate in the riding for that period of time cannot but help shape the lives of the people in the surrounding area. This point is further supported by what is now Shaw Group Ltd.. Shaw Group is the parent for a number of resource companies that come under its umbrella. In Hants East two of the former independent companies now part of the Shaw Group were L E Shaw Brick in Lantz and Nova Scotia Sand and Gravel in Milford. Both companies are still major employers in Hants East and reasons for people to desire to live here. Keddy Aggregates, in Coldbrook, also under the Shaw Group umbrella, would have a similar impact in Kings county.

Now it's time to look at the sectors that are renewable. Like many areas in Canada, forestry has provided jobs and wealth in Kings Hants practically since Europeans came to Nova Scotia. I believe that when I was first elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly in 1998 there were 13 saw mills, the farthest of which, was no more than an hour drive from my house. Although the number of mills has declined,

mostly due to the recession of 2008; the harvest has not.

The last area I want to highlight is agriculture. Farm gate receipts in Nova Scotia are in the range of 600 million dollars with dairy leading the way. At one point in time the areas in Canada with the three highest agricultural sales were the Fraser Valley in British Columbia, the Niagara area in Ontario and Kings county in Nova Scotia. Kings county would be the leader in Nova Scotia. The horticulture sector would dominate Kings county agriculture but there is also a significant supply managed sector, particularly chicken and egg production. Although I'm not sure which came first. Hants East's dairy sector produces one third of all of the milk produced in Nova Scotia. It has been said that the cull cows from the dairy sector in Nova Scotia can produce a volume of beef equal to the entire volume of hamburger consumed annually in the province. As much as we want as many farming jobs as is possible to sustain, it is the jobs processing the goods produced on the farm that creates the higher paying jobs as well as the value added products for consumers looking to buy local.

Presently there is a large residential development underway on the HRM side of the Shubenacadie River; running from the OldHam road in Enfield to Elmsdale. The potential for growth is greater on the HRM side than on the Hants County side with most of the available land between the Trans Canada and the Shubenacadie River either under development or with plans approved. It makes no sense to add the constituents of the corridor in Hants East to a new riding comprised of part of the HRM only to see rapid growth on the HRM side of the Shubenacadie River over take any possible advantage that a redrawn boundary was supposed to create.

I hope I've made it clear to the Commission that I don't support any proposal that would see the eastern boundary of Kings Hants to be anything but the present boundary, the Shubenacadie River.

I do want the Commission to be aware that I live on the west side of the Trans Canada and therefore not threatened, under the present proposal, with being moved to a newly created riding even though the shape of my riding may change even.

Thank you for your consideration of my view on this matter. I wish you well in your deliberations.

Yours truly,

19(1)

Support for proposed federal riding changes impacting Enfield, NS

19(1)

Tue 5/31/2022 2:59 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good afternoon,

I am writing to support the proposed changes of moving my community of Enfield from the riding of Kings-Hants to the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

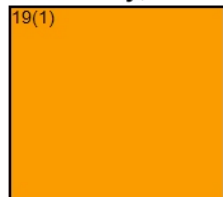
Although traditionally the village of Enfield has been tied to Kings-Hants, I also recognize that the demographics of my community has shifted significantly over the last decade. It is important that each voter feels that their voices are heard equally and this proposal strives to ensure this is the case. I also feel that our municipality (the Municipality of East Hants) would benefit from having two members of Parliament advocating for them. There are many communities across the country who have more than one representative in Parliament and I feel this should not be an issue that changes what is being proposed for my community. In other words, just because things have not changed for 150 years doesn't mean that a change isn't needed today.

Finally, I believe that if the Commission opts to keep my community (and others) in Kings-Hants now, that given the current population growth of the area, that a change will need to be made in due course. It is better to make the change now to anticipate current and future trends in population.

I feel the Commission's proposal is mindful of future demographic developments and therefore, I again voice my support for the proposed change. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Kings-Hants Proposed Boundary Changes

19(1)

Thu 5/26/2022 10:41 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: kody.blois@parl.gc.ca <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca>

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,

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19(1) I'm writing to urge you to reconsider your proposal to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford from the Kings-Hants riding.

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The proposed change to move the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and parts of Milford to the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston seems absurd to me. There is no connection between those areas and East Hants. Our successes, challenges, priorities, and needs will be vastly different. The residents of these communities are not known to each other, they don't make use of the same local facilities, or even share geography.

Elmsdale, Enfield, Lantz, and Milford are absolutely connected to the other communities that make up East Hants, including Belnan, Nine Mile River, Rawdon, Noel, Kennetcook, Mount Uniacke, Gore, and Shubenacadie, to mention just a few. The people that live, work, and raise families in these communities do so together. We band together to celebrate and to support. We share recreational facilities and we support businesses. Our children go to school and play in these communities.

The proposal to remove my own community, Lantz, and others, from the current Kings-Hants riding would mean that I may not be able to choose an MP who lives, works, or is even familiar with my area of the province. It would create division in a strong community at a time when working together is critical. It would mean our children and families may not have access to the same education and recreation opportunities.

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19(1) I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes and keep Elmsdale, Enfield, Lantz, and Milford part of the Kings-Hants riding, just as they should be.

Thank you,

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Nova Scotia Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/2/2022 9:09 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: Blois, Kody - M.P. <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca> 19(1)

I wish to make representation that the Electoral District of Kings-Hants remain as it presently is before the present redistribution 2022 process begins. As such status quo with much conviction. This process is once again an example of non-consultation and then having to do a reverse fight to maintain what presently works.

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The presence of a community in relation to Canadian Forces Bases was so very important for morale and community services. Our community members were all in the same position and needed and wanted each other for support. Support was immediate, in the area and easily accessible. This is the basis for my input and conviction to keep the Hants East area within one electoral boundary..

The process of the redrawing of electoral lines should not have taken place in this format: first the boundaries should have remained the same, and the process should have been: Why do the present communities want to join this other electoral district. The removal of the East Hants Corridor area from Kings -Hants to Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston serves no purpose and has no connection to the needs of the East Hants area. A wide expanse of area with very little in common in day to day operations and community building.

The removal will also dilute the effectiveness of the East Hants Municipality and would be served by two different Federal Members of Parliament and thus weaken the cohesiveness and progression of the corridor area.

One only has to look at the Halifax Regional Municipality or the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and how the amalgamation has made people unhappy and the effectiveness of the governing system diluted. The rural area has nothing in common with the needs of Halifax Centre or Sydney city boundaries. Thus the disconnect and disfunctionality of providing service to these areas that have divergent needs and services.

I will provide you with a real time situation: Gardiner Mines my home community has no sewer or water service yet it is surrounded by Dominion, Glace Bay, New Waterford, Reserve Mines, Grand Lake and they all have water and sewer. Why? Well the reality is that the poor neighbour does not have enough people to have a councilor elected that would carry the torch so it has never happened. 19(1)

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I have sent so many letters, emails, comments to the MP, MLA, Councilor, Mayor of CBRM and to date nothing has been accomplished.

Divide and conquer is not the way to provide a strong, responsible community that will stand together and make representation as a group with one MP not two MP's to improve our/a communities quality of life. There has been enough dilution of political participation in elections and every day events. Let it not be added to by moving the current boundaries to split East Hants up into different electoral ridings.

Present the Kings Hants Electoral Boundaries have included:

- (a) the County of Hants;

The redistribution draw lines before consultation to remove the following area which includes the corridor area and the most populace area and fastest growing area.

b) that part of the County of Hants excluding the area as follows: commencing at the intersection of Highway 102 (Veterans Memorial Highway) and the southerly limit of said county; thence generally northeasterly along said highway to Highway 14; thence easterly along said highway to Highway 2; thence generally southerly along said highway to Milford Road; thence easterly along said road to the limit of the County of Hants (Shubenacadie River); thence generally southwesterly along said limit to the point of commencement.

My vote and position is NO to the changing of the electoral boundaries involving East Hants and Kings Hants.

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Proposed changes to federal ridings in NS (Kings-Hants)

19(1)

Wed 5/18/2022 1:24 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm asking you to reconsider the proposed changes to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford (the Corridor) from Kings-Hants and place them in the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. The new riding would be splitting our communities using the highway 102 as a boundary and the proposed riding has no natural connection to East Hants.

The communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford should be kept together and remain in the federal riding of Kings-Hants.

Your only in-person meeting should not be located in Truro. You should have a meeting in the corridor of East Hants.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Kings-Hants Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Sun 5/22/2022 1:18 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Day,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of the riding of Kings-Hants. I have been made aware of proposed changes to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and portions of Milford from the riding of Kings-Hants and place them in the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. This riding has no connection to East Hants at all, and I cannot consider how these changes could be thought of as reasonable. I have not heard from a single person who did not agree that Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford are very strongly tied to the rest of East Hants. 19(1)

19(1) Elmsdale in particular is the location of many pieces of essential infrastructure and services used by all residents of East Hants. I strongly urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal and keep the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford in the federal riding of Kings-Hants.

Regards,

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proposed changes

19(1)

Wed 5/25/2022 11:23 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sir/Madam,

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I understand you

want to change it from the district of Kings-Hants to Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. I am not in favour of this change, we are not even close to this area, have nothing in common with them. Please leave us where we are now!

One other thing, there is a public meeting being held in Truro. Why is it not being held within the area that is being affected? Truro is a 40 minute drive from this area, there is no public transportation to Truro, so you probably won't get too many people attending. Why not have a meeting in a more appropriate town in East Hants instead of Cumberland County?

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Proposed Boundary Changes: Kings Hants

19(1)

Wed 5/25/2022 9:47 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed boundary changes that affect the federal riding of Kings Hants.

Removing the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford from the riding of Kings Hants and assigning them to the new riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston makes no sense. Connecting these communities to a riding to which they have little to no economic or historical connection does a great disservice to the aforementioned communities. East Hants has, since Confederation, been connected to the rest of Hants County and Kings County as a federal riding. Keep it this way.

Using Highway 102 as a boundary line, if this change does take place, divides the communities in question. The Highway cuts through the communities so that parts of any given community would be a part of Kings Hants and the rest of the community, the most populated areas, would be allocated to the new riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore - Preston. This creates a disconnect within communities that currently work to a common cause. It does not make sense!

I urge the Commission to reconsider this proposed boundary change and keep the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford fully a part of the riding of Kings Hants, to which we share economy, interest, identity, historic and geographic factors.

Regards

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Concern of proposal of federal boundaries - East Hants

19(1)

Thu 5/26/2022 10:59 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I feel the need to write to voice my concern of the new proposal to change the boundaries of East Hants. I understand that if you are not a resident of the area, it could make sense to do such a change BUT the people that decide these changes need to understand that we are ONE large community, completely intertwined 19(1)

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On top of many concerns, this change would also cause social negatives as well. A divide such as this would cause conflict amongst our citizens in regards to use of facilities, schools, etc.

It does not make sense from a community member and was I was quite shocked that this was up for review, but again, if you are not from the area, you would not understand how our community is tied together so tightly.

Please reconsider this proposal. It has caused a lot of concern to the community.

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Proposed Revision of Federal Election Boundaries

19(1)

Sat 5/14/2022 12:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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I am very concerned with proposed changes in boundaries regarding federal elections.

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With the proposed changes, I feel that this would be even more difficult..

Myself personally, I have grave concerns over the proposed changes. I feel little connection to the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Eastern Shore area, and I cannot imagine that changing very much.

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Please, I implore you to reconsider these proposed changes and leave us with Kings-Hants.

Sincerely.

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proposed electoral boundary changes

19(1)

Sat 5/28/2022 11:36 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I'm writing to express my objection to the proposed boundary changes that will affect East Hants. It makes no sense to divide the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford from the rest of East Hants. These communities have many things linking them together and it would be bad, in many ways, for the communities involved. We have no links to the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston and nothing in common, other than being Nova Scotians. There has to be a better solution!

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The fate of East Hants

[REDACTED]

Mon 5/23/2022 8:21 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it May Concern

[REDACTED]

it concerns me greatly that anyone would consider splitting up our community. Even if it would be more on paper than physical.

All of the communities mentioned in the proposed action are of a like-mind and feel like their own entity. We are neither Halifax nor Truro, we are The Corridor, and the feeling is very much like being part of a family. There are a great many local charities and community groups that are run by local people from end to end of this area, and we feel a connectedness to each other. Just like a family.

It is such a bad idea, obviously come up by someone not from this area. My vote is against this proposed idea, 100%.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 6:10 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern

I am writing to the Commission about the proposed boundary changes that affect the Municipality of East Hants. East Hants is in a unique position in the province, where being central it borders West Hants, Colchester and HRM. We don't really have ties to any, but we are attached to Kings as a Federal unit. The corridor of East Hants has long been together as one unit where everyone considers themselves East Hants residents and exist as one large body of people with common ties and interests. Taking us and changing the boundary and then adding us to the new Federal riding is not acceptable. We have nothing in common with the other areas and this would only further divide our Municipality. We are stronger together as one municipality with Kings County on the Federal map. Communities that have things in common should be able to grow together and prosper and the residents feel that sense of belonging. Please consider the changes that will take away that feeling and not split East Hants, but leave us all together that we can continue to grow and make Canada proud.

Thank you,

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I do not support the proposal to change the boundaries of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford from Kings-Hants to Pictou- Eastern Shore-Preston. I do not want the communities divided by Highway 102 or divided full stop. Sincerely, 19(1)

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Sat 5/28/2022 8:19 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Kings-Hants Redistribution

19(1)

Sat 6/4/2022 12:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: kody.blois@parl.gc.ca <kody.blois@parl.gc.ca>

To Whom It May Concern,

We agree strongly with our MP Kody Blois that removing Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford (East Hants Corridor) from the rest of Hants County, logistically, makes no sense. There is little to no commonality between the East Hants Corridor and Pictou - Eastern Shore - Preston.

I'm sure that with all the brain power on this commission you can come up with a better way to keep the numbers as needed without splitting up communities. Please find a better way.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Regards,

19(1)

Please don't move Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford

19(1)

Thu 5/26/2022 2:19 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to urge you to reconsider moving the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and part of Milford to the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

Please keep these communities in their present riding of Kings-Hants. These communities are vital to the integrity of Hants county and should remain represented by MP Kody Blois, 19(1)

19(1) I do not believe we should be forced to forge a new relationship with the MP for Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston when 19(1)

These communities are showing positive growth, 19(1) This growth would continue to benefit by remaining in the Kings-Hants riding.

Respectfully,

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Kings-Hants - Concern with new boundaries!

19(1)

Tue 5/10/2022 10:20 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

May 10, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you with grave concerns about the proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries Adjustment to the Federal Riding of Kings-Hants. Of particular concern is the proposed change to remove the "corridor" communities of Milford, Lantz, Elmsdale and Enfield from our riding.

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19(1) Over many generations going back to when the semi-nomadic Mi'kmaq moved along the Shubenacadie river there has been different heart beats to our community. The Maitland area was the life blood during the age of sail but in most recent times the "corridor", along the number 2 Highway and the Shubenacadie river from Enfield to Shubenacadie is literally the economic and cultural center of our community.

To fully understand what the community of East Hants is and before you make any final decision to break apart our community into very unconnected Federal Electoral Ridings you must watch this documentary called "**East Hants – This is Us**"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jczONCapZBE>

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Finally, I would like to say that the only reason 19(1) is as great as it is, is because all three levels of government, Municipal, Provincial and Federal understood who, what and where the community of East Hants was and were aligned in their collective support of our organization. A disconnected Federal Riding would surely put any future tri-level government support in jeopardy.

Yours truly,

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Proposed Changes to Federal Ridings in NS

19(1)

Mon 5/30/2022 6:11 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed changes specifically the ones proposed for Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and parts of Milford.

It makes no sense in my opinion to make this change and split up the communities that have been together for years and are intertwined. These are close net communities and this division is not appropriate.

Please leave things as they are for this area.

Thanks for your time.

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Federal Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/2/2022 8:44 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good evening,

I am writing this email to express my personal concern regarding the proposal of moving the federal boundaries of Lantz from its current riding of Kings-Hants into the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

This essentially splits up our voice in our community of East Hants and puts it into a riding nowhere near our location with significant differences in demographics.

The idea of this makes no logical sense other than a numbers game of balancing which does not provide us with a sufficient voice for our community.

I would urge this proposal be scrapped and our communities remain in the current district.

Thanks for your time.

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Boundaries of East Hants

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Mon 6/6/2022 6:30 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Moving the boundaries of East Hants is not acceptable. Of all the division and hardship in the world, this seems unnecessary. Dividing a small community that has been leaned on each other through hardships and tragedy is unnecessary and unacceptable. Families have been raised here, family roots run deep in our community. This is devastating to think about.

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boundaries changes in east hants

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Mon 5/23/2022 1:33 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

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we are against the planned boundary changes which would move Enfield, Elmsdale , Lantz and parts of Milford from our present federal riding.

Please do not split our municipality.

Hants county boundary changes

19(1)

Fri 4/29/2022 12:06 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Absolute mistake. I cannot believe this would even be considered. The area that is being suggested to move to the larger HRM area is the beginning of increased population into the Kings/Hants riding. We in this area have no stake in HRM and don't want it. Our vote will be swallowed by the much larger city population which will leave us unrepresented. We align with the more rural areas that are in our boundaries now. -- Leave it alone!!!!

Re: Proposed changes federal riding in N.S.—communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz,& portions of Milford(the corridor) from Kings-Hants ...

19(1)

Sun 5/29/2022 7:05 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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We are voicing our concerns to Not DIVIDE/SPLIT !! the above communities which all have STRONG TIES to each other& surrounding businesses as well as rewarding activities /groups for all families of all ages - YOUNG to SENIORS!!

Splitting these communities & placing in Pictor-Eastern Shore is not in our minds the right direction to set forth.

PLEASE consider all aspects of these communities remaining TOGETHER as a FAMILY based riding that has grown immensely TOGETHER for the better meant of each other in the riding of Kings-Hants !!

Sincerely,

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Hon. Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois (Chair)
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia B4C 2N0

Delivered Electronically

May 22, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you today 19(1)

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In particular, I am writing in response to the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries for Nova Scotia that were published by the Commission on April 27, 2022.

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The primary concern is the removal of the Hants County communities that are between Highway 102 and the Shubenacadie River and adding them to the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. These communities are inextricably tied to the rest of the Municipality of East Hants, including crucial community infrastructure (schools, fire halls, East Hants Sportsplex, community centres/legions) and a business community that is not divided by Highway 102. For the purposes of education and recreation, along with the natural connection of communities on a social and economic basis, the boundary has always been the Shubenacadie River.

The proposed changes would take these communities of interest that are central to the Municipality of East Hants and include them in a proposed riding where there is no natural connection whatsoever. Regarding the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz,

Milford and Shubenacadie, these are historically part of the traditional Mi'kmaq navigational route along the Shubenacadie River which our closest First Nation Community Sipekne'katik First Nation used and continue to use for traditional purposes.

The subsequent history around these communities were built keeping these historic travel routes together and the highway 102 was built alongside it. Each side of the highway and river form part of what we locally call the corridor. The corridor area shares schools, sports, cultural events, travel routes, and employment opportunities. It is therefore critical that all the levels of government maintain the corridor together. This will ensure that the best interest of the communities in the corridor benefit from the various services provided by each level of government. Splitting up these communities will result in poor representation and potential loss of political support to achieve community wellness.

I ask you to please reconsider the proposal and ensure each community in the corridor area (Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford and Shubenacadie including the First Nation community of Sipekne'katik First Nation) remain together in the electoral boundary of Kings-Hants.

Sincerely,

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Kings-Hants

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Fri 5/20/2022 7:40 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear commissioners

I would ask that you please reconsider your proposal and keep the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and Milford together in the riding of Kings-Hants. Your proposal makes absolutely NO sense at all.

Respectfully

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Reconsider Proposal | Kings-Hants Boundaries

19(1)

Wed 5/25/2022 3:05 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good afternoon,

I am writing to share my concern about the proposed changes to remove the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Ltax and portions of Milford from the Kings-Hants federal riding and placing them in the riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

This change would divide the community, not for the better. I would urge the Commission to reconsider this change.

Thank you,

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Leave East Hants communities in Kings-Hants District Please

19(1)

Sat 6/18/2022 9:27 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello

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we disagree with the proposed changes and wish to remain as part of Kings-Hants district.

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Riding changes

19(1)

Thu 5/26/2022 6:23 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to voice my concerns regarding the proposed changes to remove Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford from Kings-Hants riding and place them in the riding of Pictor-Eastern Shore-Preston. This is totally unacceptable as those communities are tied to the rest of the municipality of East Hants. This includes schools, community centres and legions, fire halls and the East Hants Sportsplex. 19(1)

I assume we are on the opposite side of the 102 Highway. I am strongly urging you to reconsider your proposal to separate our communities in the federal riding of East Hants. 19(1)

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Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad

Proposal concerning East Hants

19(1)

Tue 5/31/2022 8:23 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider the current proposal to separate Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford from the federal riding of King-Hants.

These communities are a part of East Hants and should be treated as such.

Thank you,

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living on the cobequid shore and being part of the eastern shore

NO!!

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Sat 6/4/2022 11:39 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

to take the corridor out of kings hants is simply not good for the area --moving us into preston
eastern shore or anywhere other than where we are is not good government-- kody blois is doing
his absolute best for us to stay where we are and i for one think the boundry shd stay the
same ---do not -do not change it--19(1)

Changing of Federal boundaries in East Hants.

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Sat 5/21/2022 8:56 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom this may concern,

This email is to advise that I am NOT in favour of removing the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and portions of Milford from the federal electoral riding of Kings-Hants and placing our communities in the new proposed federal electoral riding of Pictou, Eastern Shore and Preston because of our historical federal electoral boundaries and because we are a very strong community of interest throughout East Hants.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you

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New boundaries

19(1)

Sat 5/28/2022 7:22 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

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I am writing you to encourage you to reconsider the proposal to split up the communities in East Hants.

I urge you to keep the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz , Milford together in the riding of Kings-Hants.

I see no benefits to splitting up this riding. There is no connection or benefit with joining the eastern shore .Again, I encourage you to reconsider any proposal to do so.

Please do not split up our communities.

Sincerely

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Sent from my iPhone

East Hants Divide - Not acceptable

19(1)

Mon 6/6/2022 6:26 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1) it is not acceptable that you change the boundaries. Our family does not support this change. It's devastating to our beautiful community.

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Sent from my Galaxy

Kings-Hants Proposed Boundary Modification

19(1)

Wed 5/25/2022 9:08 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia,

I see the proposal to divide communities in the Municipality of East Hants among two different federal ridings. 19(1)

Young people here (Shubenacadie to Enfield) attend the same family schools, people of all ages participate in common recreation programs and use common facilities and parks, attend the same churches, service organizations and utilize shared local services. The economy of our communities has common roots - as a series of suburbanizing agricultural villages. Many of our concerns are shared, and we have a long tradition of working together as communities to address issues of importance: we are neighbours.

The communities of Shubenacadie, Milford, Lantz, Elmsdale and Enfield probably have much more in common more with areas of Kings-Hants to the west of us than with the eastern shore, being growing communities with substantial agricultural economy and character, growing well-being that seems to spread from the Halifax Region, shared cultural and historical roots.

Driving an electoral boundary through the heart of East Hants would seem to divide us on the electoral map and as a community. I find the proposal to do so surprising and unfortunate. I think the communities of East Hants would be better served if our interests were represented by a single federal riding. I suggest all of the communities from Shubenacadie to Enfield remain in a single federal riding and preferably that be Kings-Hants.

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FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES CHANGES

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 9:35 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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am urging you to reconsider your proposal to transfer the communities of ENFIELD, ELMSDALE, LANTZ and portions of MILFORD from KINGS-HANTS and place them in the riding of PICTOU-EASTERN SHORE-PRESTON—

A riding that has no natural connection to EAST HANTS whatsoever. The proposed changes would split EAST HANTS in two using Highway 102 as the new boundary.

Sincerely, 19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Kings-Hants adjustments.

19(1)

Tue 5/24/2022 3:19 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom it May Concern,

Please note our objection to the adjustment of the Kings-Hants district. The removal the villages of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford (partial) has absolutely no positive aspects to ANY OF THE RESIDENTS of these villages. Removal of a highly populated portion of Hants-Kings weakens the Hants relationship and places many in a riding with absolutely no relationship to the Hants area.

This then indicates that the only reason that the adjustment is being made is to benefit a political party. This stinks to high heaven, as we allow politics to adjust the voting numbers to favor the results. Leave the boundary as it is and allow the people to vote in the party rather than have the politicians adjust voting to get themselves elected.

Sincerely,

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May 12, 2022

Ms. Carol Moulaison, Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Ms. Moulaison:

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I wish to register my objection to the proposed removal of the Enfield to Milford area, the so-called Corridor, from the Kings/Hants riding. While it might seem appropriate to take away from one region to bolster the numbers in another, this proposal gives no consideration to a number of things.

First, throughout post-Confederation history, and even longer for some parts, the area bounded west and north by the Shubenacadie River has been considered Hants County, all the way to its Kings County border. From both a provincial and municipal perspective, the section known as the Municipality of East Hants has been governed as one unit. The municipal office for East Hants is located in Elmsdale, one of the parts your commission intends to carve off the Kings-Hants riding. The optics of that, locally, are not acceptable. In addition, there would be unnecessary confusion around potentially conflicting notions of governance where neighbours, living side by side, would have different Members of Parliament (MP) addressing their concerns with varying degrees of understanding of the local issues.

Second, the high school that serves the Corridor is located in Milford, outside the proposed area to be removed, fortunately, but the families of those students, as would also be the case with a couple of the elementary schools in the Corridor and the middle school in Milford, would be served by two MPs.

Third, and I think most importantly, this proposal ignores the cohesiveness of the East Hants community that includes the Corridor and the surrounding area north of it. The Shubenacadie River is seen as a boundary, and while there is obviously crossover from both sides of the river, residents of the Corridor identify more strongly with their East Hants neighbours in a way that they will never identify with more distant Pictou. Pictou issues will likely never be Corridor issues, and the Corridor will potentially be sidelined in favour of the rest of the riding, since there has been no electoral connection to date. The whole history of settlement in Hants and Kings County is intertwined in a way that does not include Pictou County. Our county seat is

Windsor, and historically, all East Hants legal and business interactions were for a long time with Windsor.

I realize that this redistribution proposal is an attempt to better balance numbers in each riding, and the Corridor is seen to be a "logical" source of numbers for the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding. I certainly would not expect the Commission to be attempting to balance numbers on the basis of support for political parties. However, looking at the figures in the Redistribution handout that came with my newspaper, I think more equitable redistribution could be as easily achieved by taking a section out of the Dartmouth-Cole Harbour riding, which would not remove that area from its municipal jurisdiction that includes Preston and the Eastern Shore. Or, another possibility could be to take the western side of Kings County, which is currently part of the Acadian Shore-Shelburne (West-Nova) riding, and reunite it with its Kings County municipality.

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While many may see this redistribution as insignificant, a so-what moment, I don't see it that way. Community cohesiveness and cooperation are important, as are the family, social, and economic bonds that tie communities together. The Corridor is a community and part of the larger community of East Hants.

Yours truly,

19(1)

Opposition to Federal Electoral Boundary changes

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 8:48 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

It was brought to the attention of 19(1) that the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of Nova Scotia is proposing changes to the federal ridings in Nova Scotia.

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We sincerely hope you will reconsider the proposed changes and leave the federal electoral boundaries as they are at this point in time.

In Comradeship,

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Proposed changes to Kings-Hants riding

19(1)

Wed 6/8/2022 11:58 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed changes that would remove 19(1) Lantz, from the Kings-Hants riding. The corridor communities of East Hants - Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz and Milford - are very connected to one another, and to the broader community of East Hants. Our children play on the same sports teams, in many cases going to the same schools, we take advantage of the same businesses and community organizations, and we bring similar issues to our MP. Community issues involve farming, infrastructure, affordable housing, environmental issues and funding for community organizations.

While the corridor area is growing in the number of residents, much of it remains quite rural. It has become a more expensive place to live with the proximity to Halifax and many commuters living here. However we lack transportation options aside from driving, and it's become difficult for people who grew up here to find a home as an adult. This community has seen incredible change in the last 5 years and will continue for 10+ years to come.

Many residents find themselves very connected to HRM, while others are more connected to the communities between here and Truro. We also have Sipekne'katik First Nation as part of our community, which offers a lot in terms of cultural knowledge and experience, as well as businesses to our economy.

Moving the corridor communities into the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston doesn't make sense. We don't share all of the same federal issues as Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston, and even driving from one end to the other end of that riding would have our MP crossing other ridings to get there. Also, those communities have their own distinct issues and communities and likely don't feel connected to the East Hants corridor at all (if those constituents even know where we are).

I hope consideration will be given to the specific needs of both ridings before changes are made. East Hants is a wonderful place to live, and we have been well-served by past MPs who have made an effort to include and visit and listen to the entire riding.

Kind regards,

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Hon. Justice Cindy A. Bourgeois (Chair)
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia B4C 2N0

May 04, 2022

Dear Commissioners:

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has brought to our attention this week of the proposed changes to have the communities of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, and portions of Milford (between Highway 102 and the Shubenacadie River) to be removed from Kings-Hants and placed into the proposed riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston.

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Though I understand there is a need for change geographically, from a business perspective, the thought of dividing up our corridor and separating our communities from the County of Hants is quite sad.

Take a look at our socials: @Stridesfitness, @Stridesspa, you will see #easthants, #elmsdale #communityliving as we are so proud of our heritage and how our business community has grown significantly (all in the presence of East Hants pride).

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I plead to you to reconsider this proposal.

Best,

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Federal Boundaries Concern

19(1)

Sun 5/22/2022 3:14 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Evening,

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concerns regarding the redraw of federal boundaries in Nova Scotia. I feel that the proposed boundaries are harmful towards the citizens within the community of East Hants. Removing significant towns within the region of Kings Hants and placing them into the proposed group does not make sense geographically and dividing such a tight-knit community would likely have detrimental effects towards the people who call this place their home.

Sent from my iPhone

Re: Notice of Representation

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Wed 5/18/2022 3:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Thank you!

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:55 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: RE: Notice of Representation

Telephone #: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:47 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Notice of Representation

Good Morning, [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email with your notice of public representation for the Wednesday, June 1 Public Hearing in Truro. By responding to this email, please provide me with your telephone number and indicate if you represent an organization and, if so, the name of the organization.

Thank you.

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:23 AM
To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Notice of Representation

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- Splitting a portion of East Hants from the Kings-Hants riding and placing it in the proposed Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston riding is of great concern to the Municipality of East Hants.
- Additionally, the proposed name of the Shubenacadie-Bedford Basin riding may cause some confusion as the communities of Shubenacadie, East Hants and Shubenacadie, Colchester County are not in this proposed district and only a very short section of the Shubenacadie River will form a border for this proposed riding.

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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0
Email: NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
Delivered Electronically

May 22, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

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I would like to register our concern with the proposed changes to federal electoral boundaries and the removal of communities in East Hants to the federal riding of Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston. The people we support, and the programs and services we provide are inextricably linked with the Municipality of East Hants.

Under the proposed changes, the representation of some of the people we support and the homes they live in will be moved to a different riding to which there is no natural connection whatsoever.

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Commissioners consider keeping all of East Hants in Kings-Hants.

Thank you for your consideration and for the important work you are doing.

Sincerely,

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May 20, 2022

Re: Keep Shelburne County in the South Shore

Dear Redistribution Commission,

I am writing to you 19(1) to express my concerns regarding your proposal to have Shelburne County separated from the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret's Bay.

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The fishing villages that line the South Shore of Nova Scotia, including Shelburne County have forever been, and will always to be, linked to one another in our pride for the industry and our drive to see the industry survive and thrive.

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Ask anyone from the South Shore and they will tell you the same.

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These tourists came to the South Shore to experience our vast, untouched and well-maintained wilderness, walk our beautiful white sand beaches, experience the culture of Maritime living and to enjoy our fresh caught seafood from the Atlantic Ocean. There are many homes of tourists that now include an old wooden lobster trap as decoration that I, personally, sold and had shipped to their home address, abroad.

Your recent proposal of removing Shelburne County from our current riding and integrating us into a new form of the West Nova riding, as well as the proposal to push the South Shore-St. Margaret's Bay riding further into the Halifax West riding, is very concerning. Respectfully, Shelburne County holds very little in common with the majority of West Nova communities. Though beautiful in its own regard, West Nova is primarily agriculturally based. These communities are very much valued and respected in Nova

Scotia. However, they are distinct in their ability to produce and provide the province and economic market with a very different product than that of Shelburne County and the South Shore. Additionally, I cannot understand how the communities of West Nova would be satisfied with a representative whose focus wasn't primarily on their own interests or having that focus pulled in two very different directions. Furthermore, the South Shore of Nova Scotia is primarily comprised of small, rural communities and not centered around a more urban/city type of living, like that of Halifax West. The urban atmosphere plays an almost non-existent role in our lives, here on the southern most tip of Nova Scotia. To me, personally, Halifax seems a world away from the life I am accustomed to. I can't imagine any political representative finding it easy to reconcile the distinct needs and expectations from my community, compared to that of Lakeside, Timberlea, etc.

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19(1) the political representation that we find ourselves under will not be as aquaculturally and rurally motivated as we are accustomed to.

The Redistribution Committee's failure to hold any type of public consultation regarding these proposed changes in Shelburne County is short sighted and frankly, insulting. These changes specifically and drastically affect the residents in Shelburne County, and we should be given the opportunity, locally, to voice our questions and concerns. I would like to request that a public hearing take place within our county to allow input from the people that are most affected by this. If no such meeting is granted, please accept this letter as my notice of representation at the public hearing scheduled in either the town of Yarmouth or Bridgewater.

Regards,

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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Nova Scotia**

From: 19(1)
Email: 19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-06

RIM ID: 1651860501DDEHAUXJCT

Type of comments received:

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

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

West Nova is the traditional name for this electoral district, dating back decades. The proposed Acadian Shore-Shelburne name omits the fact that this electoral district covers roughly half of the Annapolis Valley.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 12001

Name to modify: Acadian Shore—Shelburne /
 Rive-Acadienne—Shelburne

New name: West Nova /
 Nova-Ouest

Attachments:

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

Miller Lake area is part of greater Fall River

19(1)

Fri 4/29/2022 7:00 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi.

Saw your proposal.

Miller Lake residential area (at junction of 118 and 102 highways) is part of greater Fall River. It just is.

15+ years ago, we were lumped into the same riding as Amherst. We literally had to drive to Truro to vote (early ballot due to travel). That was crazy. It was corrected next redistricting.

Present riding is perfectly fine. Miller Lake is included in same riding as Fall River.

Proposed redistricting would have Miller Lake lumped into a rural riding reaching all the way to PEI. Separated from Fall River, presumably because the 102 Hwy makes a convenient to define boundary

Miller Lake is part of greater Fall River. Look at my mailing address below, "Fall River".

Recommendations:

Do not split neighbourhoods. Do not split communities. Miller Lake is part of greater Fall River.

Do not be tempted to use highways and roads as boundaries simply because it's easier to write down. That's just lazy. Keep the boundaries in the uninhabited forest as much as possible, even if the boundary description takes more words.

Thanks.

19(1)

New electoral boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 7:14 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern,

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It makes little sense to me to add such a large and diverse area to another MP's riding.

Thanks for your time.

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Kings-Hants Redistricting

19(1)

Thu 4/28/2022 7:44 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I disagree strongly with cutting off such a large geographical area and isolating it so far from the Pictou/Preston areas. 3 very different geographical areas that it doesn't make sense. What logic was put into that decision?

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Proposed new federal boundaries in Nova Scotia

19(1)

Mon 5/2/2022 11:05 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

I am writing to express my concern about the redistribution of Federal riding boundaries in Nova Scotia. I don't have all of the answers, but a PICTOU-EASTERN SHORE-PRESTON riding does not make sense to me. This is a massive riding, with poor road access between these distinct areas. There isn't much in the way of cultural similarity between the members of this newly created marriage, and it seems to be only one of convenience. I don't know how an elected politician would be able to adequately understand and serve the people in this large area, and the needs of those living in HRM are very different than those in Pictou county. I understand the math looks good, but in practical terms I do not believe that this riding will serve the people adequately, I don't think this is democratically acceptable, and a better solution is required.

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The lazy sin of "...along said highway..."

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 6:22 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Proposed Pictou etc riding...

"...Highway 102 (Veterans Memorial Highway); thence generally southerly along said highway to Highway 118; thence southerly along said highway to Highway 107 Bypass (Forest Hills Extension); thence northeasterly and southeasterly along said highway to Highway 7 (Main Street)..."

Don't be so lazy in relying on "along said" roads and "along said" highways to define the boundaries. This exact mistake results in the Miller Lake residential area (part of greater Fall River) being lumped in with Pictou !!!

Run the boundaries through the uninhabited forests, even if it requires more words. Canada is a big country, we have room for more words.

Miller Lake is presently in the same riding as Fall River, and this makes sense. About 15+ years ago, we were lumped in with Amherst, and we literally had to drive to Truro to vote (early ballot due to travel). Now you want to lump us in with Pictou... Crazy!

19(1)

Changes in electoral boundaries

19(1)

Mon 5/2/2022 7:57 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi there

I would like to send along my concerns relating to the changes in the electoral boundaries- specially the Pictou county/Antigonish region.

I do not support the proposed changes. I don't see the benefit in these changes.

With the proposed changes many areas closer to HRM would be included in my region. I believe this could lead to the constituent placing more focus on the higher populated areas and rural locations like Pictou county will be left behind.

Thank you

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change in riding

19(1)

Thu 5/19/2022 6:26 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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i can see how you can split central nova from antigonish but adding eastern shore preston area to the riding does not seem to me those two area are completely different they have different need, economy and people. it is beyond that this is going to happen i realise that the population is limited in pictou but preston and eastern shore are more part of halifax ,dartmouth area and because of the situation in that area (housing) this area is getting more and more developed then you will face another change.

my idea is if it is not make sense leave it as it is or separate antigonish from pictou my guess is the people that want a change are from there. after all sean fraser iis from there, right now you are telling the people from pictou that you do not care you are not important to us.

19(1)

Re: Public meeting attendance

19(1)

Tue 5/3/2022 5:55 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hey,

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19(1) I don't need to make a presentation, I just need to have it recorded for the public record that lumping in Lawrencetown 19(1) with Picto is profoundly stupid.

Cheers,

On Tue., May 3, 2022, 5:53 p.m. NS-NE, <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

I acknowledge receipt of your email of April 27, 2022. You indicate that you wish to make representations at the Cole Harbour meeting. Before you can be added to the list of participants, there is additional information that is required:

Your address and telephone number;

The organization you represent, if any;

A short overview of the issues you intend to address;

Which official language you wish to make your presentation; and

Whether you require any accommodations.

Should you require further information, I invite you to visit the Commission website, or contact me.

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:39 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public meeting attendance

Hello,

I'd like to attend the meeting in cole harbour to voice my displeasure with the proposed boundary changes.

Cheers,

Federal boundaries redistribution Nova Scotia 2022

19(1)

Tue 5/17/2022 10:14 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

Dear Ms. Moulaison,

We have attempted to access the redistribution website yesterday and today and have not been able to do so. Accordingly we are writing you as Commission Secretary.

We have read what we have been able to on this subject and are writing to strongly object to this proposal. We understand that defining electoral districts is a balancing act. However Pictou County has very little, if anything, in common with the Eastern shore region near Halifax and much more in common with the Antigonish region. It might well be that Cape Breton would have more in common with the Canso/Mulgrave area.

Also the flier in the Chronicle Herald had lovely public relations asking for input. As already mentioned the website isn't working. Also the public meetings don't include New Glasgow and we have prior commitments on the dates for Truro and Antigonish. This has the appearance of trying to discourage democracy and input.

We would appreciate it if you could ensure this submission is forwarded to the Commission for its consideration.

Thank you.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

19(1)

Sent from my iPad

Election boundaries

19(1)

Thu 7/7/2022 12:23 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whom it may concern. This is my personal opinion, if there is to be any changes in our boundaries that we align ourselves with Antigonish.

We have more in common with them than we do with Glace Bay, the hospital, working with people from there, etc. thanks

19(1)

May 18, 2022

To: NS-NE2redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

RE: Proposed Federal Boundary Changes for South Shore-St. Margaret's

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new boundaries for South Shore St. Margaret's.

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I understand the complex challenge that faces a three-person commission to undertake the redistribution of the federal constituency boundaries for Nova Scotia. I respectfully disagree with your proposal to remove the rural community of Shelburne from the riding and to add suburban HRM communities.

The proposed redistribution of South Shore – St. Margaret's does not meet two of the main criteria defined by Elections Canada for deciding federal electoral boundaries. The proposed boundaries appear to have been drawn on the basis of population only and do not reflect the criteria of "*communities of interest or identity and historical patterns of previous boundaries*".

The counties of Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg have been the heart of the South Shore riding for over fifty years. The riding is historically rural, costal, and resourced based. The provincial tourism Lighthouse Route is based on coastal tourism in these three counties.

In 2003, in an effort to balance population criterion, portions of Halifax West were added and the Riding was renamed South Shore St. Margaret's. This was the beginning of the erosion of communities of interest and historical pattern criterion.

In 2012, due to low population growth in rural Nova Scotia, 11% of new territory was added from Halifax West. This 2012 redistribution continued to further dilute the rural aspect of the riding. People living in Shelburne, Barrington, Liverpool, New Germany or New Ross have very little connection to residents of the suburban areas of HRM such as Westwood Hills, Stillwater Lake, Lewis Lake or Hubley.

Over the previous two boundary distributions, the identity of the rural, costal, resource-based riding of South Shore-St. Margaret's has been diluted significantly. The proposed redistribution, continues the erosion of the concept of communities of interest and historical patterns of previous boundaries by removing Shelburne County and additional HRM suburban area.

This current boundary review is an opportunity for the commission to return South Shore-St. Margaret's to its rural historic roots of fishing communities, resource-based communities and costal tourism communities. This can be accomplished by reorganizing the riding to include communities which run along the coast from Charlesville in the west to Sambro in the east and by redistributing some of the suburban ridings back to suburban ridings in HRM.

My suggestions to accomplish this are as follows:

- Maintain the rural area of Shelburne as part of South Shore-St. Margaret's
- Redistribute areas in HRM such as Stillwater Lake, Westwood Hills, Lewis Lake, and Hubley to Bedford and Halifax West ridings.
- Add West Pennant, Sambro, Sandy Cove and Ketch Harbour.

Please accept this letter as my notice of representation at the public hearings in Bridgewater on June 8, 2022.

Respectfully yours,

19(1)

Comments on redrawing boundaries of Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook riding, NS

19(1)

Thu 5/5/2022 12:57 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good afternoon,

I will not be attending a live public hearing, but would like to receive the link for the virtual hearing prior to June 27, 2022.

My comment on the "new" riding boundaries for Pictou-Eastern Shore-Preston are as follows:

Porters Lake, Nova Scotia is a growing suburban area. We have been bounced back and forth between being included with the City of Dartmouth, Pictou County (Central Nova) and Lower Sackville in various iterations of the Federal Electoral map 19(1) We didn't have common concerns with the City of Dartmouth, nor with the town or County of Pictou or even Lower Sackville, but at least the latter was closer geographically. I understand these boundaries are being changed to equilibrate the population represented by each riding, but we seem to be moved from pillar to post more than some other areas. I would have hoped we could be accommodated within an area where we have commonality of concerns or at least proximity. Being included with Pictou County again seems like too much of a stretch (although we have been included with them in the old Central Nova riding in the past, if that worked so well, why was it changed last time?). It seems like a random stroke of a mouse on a GIS map, purely based on total population numbers within a polygon. Can you give a better explanation of the reasoning and justification for this change?

Sincerely,

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Electoral district 9 name change

19(1)

Sat 4/30/2022 1:57 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello 19(1)

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Our concerns is that we believe Sackville should have been the first community mentioned in the name of this particular district, having both the largest amount of residents and likely the most tax for this district?

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RE: Final submission

19(1)

Tue 6/28/2022 12:32 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good morning Madam Chair and Commission Members

Thank you the opportunity last evening to present to the Commission regarding potential boundary changes in Nova Scotia and specifically for residents of Shelburne County.

For the most part, I agreed with the majority of speakers who expressed great concern regarding the potential negative impacts the recommended boundary changes would mean for residents of our respective communities.

All noted the importance of maintaining historic communities of interest which include culture, heritage and economic connections over many years.

What I found disturbing were the comments from two presenters suggesting that Halifax should have an additional seat with no regard for the additional negative impact that would have on the rest of the province in terms of having access to fair and equal representation.

It is understood that numbers in any catchment area must be considered however what seems to be of less importance is the massive geographical area that outside of the city.

In Halifax or any city for that matter, the same catchment number can be within literally a few block radius where outside of the city a representative may have to travel well over two hours from one end of the riding to the other.

Currently in rural ridings that are so geographically large that the issues an MP must deal with can also be extremely varied not to mention the distance residents must travel to meet their representative and vice versa.

In one rural riding, an MP can represent numerous service clubs, organizations, events and businesses that all want his/her ear, attention and time where in a city even if there are a similar amount, the ability to manage/schedule these is simplified since they are all literally within minutes of each other. Typically in cities although of course there are different needs, they are not nearly as diverse as throughout rural communities so in fact giving more seats to a city just because they have more people creates an unfair advantage for rural communities. What is important to city residents is usually very different than what is important to rural Nova Scotians. E.g access to important services whether it be healthcare, education, drinking water to name only a few are not as readily available in many rural communities as they are in Halifax.

In most cases those city representatives will speak with one voice where rural communities do not as easily have that ability which disadvantages them.

So my question I ask you to consider is, does giving more seats to a city simply because they have more people truly create equal, equitable and fair representation for all Nova Scotians.

I respectfully ask that, during your deliberations regarding this challenging task, that you do remember the impact of your decision, positive or negative may have on all of the residents of our province.

Although rural Nova Scotia comprises that majority of our province, the residents are not just numbers
Thank you again for your time

Respectfully

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Comments: Proposed Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin District

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Sat 4/30/2022 8:02 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Ms. Moulaison,

I wish to comment on the name of the proposed Shubenacadie—Bedford Basin district. I am satisfied making my comment in writing and do not need to attend a public hearing.

Issue

Respectfully, I think the proposed name of the riding is confusing and very ambiguous. The name "Shubenacadie" refers to a number of different places across the province, all of which are routinely confused with each other.

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Potential Solutions

If the name is in reference to the lake, then the full name "Shubenacadie Grand Lake" or the name of the nearby community of "Grand Lake" should be used for the riding.

Alternatively, and perhaps preferably, any reference to "Shubenacadie" in the riding name should be deleted entirely, and an alternative place marker should be used instead. Some ideas include:

- Sackville—Bedford Basin
- Sackville—Hammonds Plains—Bedford Basin
- Grand Lake—Bedford Basin

Thank you for considering my input. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Regards,



Name change

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Thu 5/5/2022 5:36 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hi: 19(1) I would suggest a name change from Shubenacadie - Bedford Basin to Shubenacadie the Lakes. Bedford Basin is nowhere near or in this new proposed riding and just creates confusion whereas there are many lakes in the riding.

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South Shore—St. Margarets Proposal

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Wed 5/11/2022 11:42 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redcoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good Morning,

I am writing with respect to the South Shore—St. Margarets boundary proposal. I vehemently oppose the boundaries for the riding of South Shore—St. Margarets as proposed.

South Shore—St. Margarets is already too large geographically. 19(1) I have little connection to the majority of the South Shore—St. Margarets riding. Expanding the riding to include even more of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is completely ridiculous and will exacerbate the disconnect between electors and their elected representative.

HRM should receive 5 of Nova Scotia's 11 seats. This can be achieved by:

- removing HRM voters that have been added to rural ridings and readjusting the boundaries of the 4 current HRM ridings;
- Combining Central Nova with Cape Breton-Canso up to the Strait of Canso; and
- Combining Sydney-Victoria with Cape Breton-Canso up to the Strait of Canso (thereby eliminating the riding of Cape Breton-Canso).

Kind Regards,

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Preserve the South Shore <admin@preservethesouthshore.ca>

Wed 5/18/2022 10:03 AM

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Sun 6/19/2022 1:04 PM

To: 19(1)

Hello 19(1)

Please confirm your attendance at the Virtual Hearing via ZOOM on Monday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. If you do plan to attend, please let me know if you would like to participate or observe. Kindly provide me with your phone number.

Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: Preserve the South Shore <admin@preservethesouthshore.ca>

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Re: Proposed Boundary Changes

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 6/17/2022 8:13 PM

To: 19(1)

Hello 19(1)

Thank you for your written submissions, which have been forwarded to the Commission.
Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: Kimberley Dares <kimberley.dares@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 2:23 PM
To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Proposed Boundary Changes

Hello,

I am writing today to address the proposed Federal Election boundary changes for NS, especially the proposal to have Preston grouped with Pictou County. This is racism, and puts the NS Black Community at a distinct disadvantage on the Federal Stage - the needs of the Preston Communities will vary vastly from the Eastern Shore/Pictou County region.

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This cannot be allowed to happen - please do better and make changes that address this issue.

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Sincerely,

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Sun 5/15/2022 9:53 PM

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First I'm very disappointed that the public meetings aren't being held in the areas that are affected most by the proposed changes.

Second- Shelburne should not be lumped in with Yarmouth/Digby ..

we are part of the South Shore.. our businesses and tourism information all state this and signs etc. the amount of money needed to make all these changes would be such a waste of tax payer money not to mention the cost to the business owners.

I am 100% against these changes and want my voice acknowledged of that fact.

Thank you

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Public Hearing Participation

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Thu 5/19/2022 4:07 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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I confirm participating as: Participant

Bridgewater - Wednesday, June 8, 2022

My subject: Shelburne has a similar "community of interest" with Lunenburg & Queens Counties. In addition, suburban areas from HRM do not have the same interests as these rural Counties and therefore a "community of interest" is not represented with the proposed boundary. There is also a long history of electoral boundaries with the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne, referred to as the South Shore. Reallocating Shelburne County to the Western Shore, does not respect these common interests. My comments will be in: English

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FW: Boundary Change not Necessary

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Wed 5/25/2022 5:17 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 5:10 PM

To: 'mailto:NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca' <mailto:NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

Subject: Boundary Change not Necessary

To whom it may concern

We write to you today in response to the proposed changes in federal election boundaries. Shelburne County is being positioned for a major change in representation. As a voice for three of the regions; municipality of Shelburne, town of Shelburne and the Town of Lockport we are concerned for what this might do to the businesses within our representation and those who call this area home.

These changes could significantly harm the growth that is about to happen in our communities. The area has been part of the "south shore" for ever and we value this label in terms of marketing and promoting the area. As you will surely agree each region of our province has unique people, businesses, concerns and cultures. We are all one under the Nova Scotia proud banner but still retain our specific uniqueness. We are very concerned about the possible negative impact to our small communities and we are even more disappointed that even though we represent a small percentage of the population no in person meeting was schedule in the one area that could see the most impact. As we are sure you will agree, being a small community, we have specific concerns and needs. The smallest voices sometimes need the most support just on that pretense alone. We also see this small voice aspect as part of the potentially harmful separation of what is currently scene as the south shore. The area is currently undergoing some significant changes including conversations of amalgamation within different councils, new marketing activities, business development and attempt to draw in new businesses and populations and maybe most importantly a rebranding of the area. These are all major initiative that we feel could be compromised by this type of reorganization.

There are key areas that we are focused on and this change at this time can impact the following with significant costs to our business community;

1. Cost of rebranding
2. Being left out, again from tourism. Currently the focus is around Lunenburg and those area and we do not want to have to compete with the other side of the province.
3. Representation that is true to what we are in this area
4. The un-necessary cost to everyone
5. Federal Funding for such a large areaand will we be represented probably not

And many more concerns that we have not even thought about how it will impact us.

Why not position Yarmouth Town with Shelburne ,Queens and Lunenburg counties and let us be the South Shore of which we are.....

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We intend to continue to engage with our communities and will be continue to advocate for our businesses and the people who work diligently in making this area of nova scotia and choice for life, tourism and business growth.

Truly,

19(1)



Please keep Shelburne in the South Shore!

Preserve the South Shore <admin@preservethesouthshore.ca>

Wed 5/18/2022 9:27 AM

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Re: Redistribution of ridings

Commission Members,

I have reviewed the rationale for the re-distribution of ridings in Nova Scotia and am sure there is no solution that will suit everyone! You have a difficult task in finding a way to have an equitable division of a growing population and the growth in Halifax West certainly makes it a challenge. I am writing concerning the suggested South Shore change with moving Shelburne County from South Shore-St. Margaret's to West Nova. That does not seem logical to me.

My initial reaction was that Shelburne is not "west". It is very much part of what is considered "south shore". The counties of Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg have been historically part of the constituency of South Shore for over fifty years, and for almost four hundred years, this part of Nova Scotia has had a unique character and has been called the South Shore.

In a quick search of "South Shore Nova Scotia" – I see the NS South Shore Tourism Cooperative which serves the area from Chester to Shelburne. Similarly, WikiVoyage describes the South Shore as being from Chester to Shelburne. It makes sense looking at the map – and it makes sense looking at the similarity of communities and their heritage. Shelburne does not have much in common with the Annapolis Valley and French Shore.

I believe the population of Shelburne County is about 14,000 – so about 16% of the target 88k per riding. If this puts the riding over the 25% variance allowed, perhaps the Halifax area could be considered again - the inclusion of the Preston area with Pictou seems illogical.

I also note that the commission does not plan to hold any public consultation in Shelburne County. This seems like an oversight that should be addressed so the residents of that area, which is being affected in a major way, have an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts. Regardless, my comments can be included in the Bridgewater hearing.

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NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Date : May 23, 2022

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Shore riding since 1966 and the splitting of this community without any local input is unfair and disrespects the interests of the communities and the people who reside there.

It remains my hope that your commission would recognize the need to respect the intent of consultations with those most directly affected and respectfully request that a public hearing take place within Shelburne County to allow the community to express input concerning your commission's proposal.

If no such meeting is granted, please accept this is letter as my notice of representation at the public hearing in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.

In closing, I am optimistic that the commission although faced with challenging decisions would strive to keep the closely knit historical county of Shelburne with her sister counties of Queens and Lunenburg within the constituency of South Shore – St. Margaret's and South Shore for the betterment of all.

Sincerely,

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Re: Public Hearing Participation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sat 5/28/2022 3:42 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Carol

That works.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

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From: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Date: 2022-05-28 15:41 (GMT-04:00)

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Public Hearing Participation [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Any submissions you wish to make can be emailed directly to me and I will forward them to the Commission.

Carol

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2022 3:20 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Re: Public Hearing Participation from Christopher Jones

Dear Carol,

First of all, thank you for your reply.

Second, my apologies for my tardiness in my application [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Fourth, could you advise the most efficient means with which to submit a written submission.

With thanks.

Sincerely

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Date: 2022-05-28 11:43 (GMT-04:00)

To: 19(1)

Subject: Re: Public Hearing Participation from Christopher Jones

Dear 19(1)

Thank you for your email dated May 25, 2022.

As specified in the Commission's Proposal, the deadline for requesting to attend a public hearing as a participant or observer was May 23, 2022. It appears your request was made past that date.

Accordingly, the spaces available at the public hearings, including the virtual hearing, are now closed.

The Commission invites you to file written submissions.

Carol Moulaison

Commission Secretary

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

of Nova Scotia

Phone 1-855-776-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 7:17 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation from Christopher Jones

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Strongly support proposal

19(1)

Mon 5/2/2022 5:01 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To whine it may concern I'm sending this email to show my strong support for the proposed electoral districts. Especially mine. 19(1) We here identify and sure a common history with nova west. We are all rural fishermen. Many working in the same LFA(lobster fishing area).we share almost all common interests and goals. We here in the southern part of our district do not feel included in many elections as we do not alike with much of the more northern parts of your district past the town of Lockport. This would be great! Thank you

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

(No subject)

19(1)

Sun 5/15/2022 10:27 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Rick Perkins <rick.perkins@parl.gc.ca>

NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Date May 10, 2022

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Thu 6/9/2022 8:37 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Redistribution Panel

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Board members I would implore you to leave the electoral map alone. Rural Canada feeds the cities both literally and through migration. Rural Canada has fewer services and huge geographical challenges. Urban voters have government service's literally at their fingertips. In most of rural Nova Scotia it is a minimum of an hour drive to access those same services with no availability of so called public transit. Having served as MP for South Shore St Margaret's for 18 years and gone through 2 boundary changes I would correctly argue rural MP's face a greater responsibility than urban ones. Their office is the passport, immigration, CPP and the office for all fédéral issues. If any government is to equitably serve rural Canada then geography has to be taken into account. Rural Nova Scotia is a prime example. We are not some huge wasteland. We are made up of a vibrant microcosm of smaller communities that deserve equal status with urban regions. This cannot and should not be based strictly on population. Leave Shelburne where it belongs and if any change is made take less area from urban Halifax County, not more.

Respectfully

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New boundaries

[REDACTED]

Thu 4/28/2022 2:17 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Our concerns are all connected to Halifax. Thank You, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RE: Boundary Review

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Fri 5/20/2022 11:46 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; rick.perkins@parl.gc.ca
<rick.perkins@parl.gc.ca>; tyson.ross.209@parl.gc.ca <tyson.ross.209@parl.gc.ca>

To Whom It May Concern

19(1) I wish to book a time to speak at the virtual hearing regarding the proposed changes being recommended by the Boundary Review Commission. Shelburne has historically been a part of the South Shore riding where we share the most in common with other counties in the riding.

19(1) I feel that this recommendation will not serve the best interests of the residents of the Town or the county and wish to expand on my reasons through my presentation.

As noted, my preference is via the virtual option

Respectfully submitted

19(1)

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Preserve the South Shore <admin@preservethesouthshore.ca>

Wed 5/18/2022 8:16 AM

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To: Redistribution Commission

May 10, 2022

Re: Redistribution of South Shore- St. Margaret's Bay

Good day:

I am writing [REDACTED] to express my concerns vis-à-vis your proposal to have Shelburne County removed from the riding of South Shore – St. Margaret's Bay and replace it by encroaching into the territory of Halifax West. This would make the new Halifax – South Shore riding one that is urban and rural.

[REDACTED] I have some concerns with removing any part of Shelburne County from the existing South Shore - St. Margaret's riding and replacing it with part of an Urban Centre such as Halifax West. There is very little if any commonality with any part of Halifax West with the South Shore of Nova Scotia.

The fishing Industry, Tourism Industry, Forestry and Michelin Tire comprise the majority of the employment from St. Margaret's Bay to and including Shelburne County. This is not the case with the portion of the Halifax West riding you wish to make a part of the South Shore. The Halifax west riding is more Tech industry and public Service then the South Shore who rely more on natural resources. They are a totally different dynamic.

Shelburne County residents do a lot of their shopping in Queens and Lunenburg Counties. Indeed when Shelburne County were looking to replace the RCMP for their policing they approached the Town of Bridgewater Police Service as an option for them. It is only because the RCMP improved their policing model Shelburne decided to stay with them. Regional Municipal Council meetings for Councils from Chester to and including Shelburne are held regularly to discuss and strategize common issues. Having a common M.P. is vital in some cases in getting positive results.

Th history of Shelburne County being descendants of the Loyalists is the same as Queens County and their ties to the Loyalists makes no sense to make Shelburne County part of the Acadian riding. Again, there is no commonality.

It has been my experience that when you mix Urban and Rural areas the rural areas with less centralization of the population always lose in how it is represented and the benefits it receives from the Federal and Provincial Governments. A prime example of this is Halifax Municipality which encompasses a rural area from Dartmouth to Ecum Secum some 200 kilometers. Ask the residents of from Jeddore to Ecum Secum how they feel about their representation in the situation they are currently in. The attention is paid to where the population is centred, Halifax and Dartmouth. My fear is that this will occur in our area if these changes are made.

Shelburne County is located on the South Shore and should remain a part, an important part of the St. Margaret's Bay – South Shore Riding. Please accept this as my request to appear at your Public Meeting in Bridgewater N.S. on June 8, 2022. Could you please confirm that my attendance is accepted by your committee.

Regards

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Redistribution

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 10:48 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

19(1)

May 20 ,2022

Re: Keep Shelburne County in the South Shore

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Similarly, in the proposed new South Shore – St. Margaret's the riding will encompass more area in the Halifax Regional Municipality, the differences in the culture between communities like Timberlea and Caledonia, Lakeside and New Ross, along with Beachville and the Tancook Islands are staggering, while the connections with communities in Shelburne County like Sable River, Port la Tour and Woods Harbour (where my Mother grew up) have developed over 100's of years.

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19(1)

May 18, 2022

To: NS-NE2redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

RE: Proposed Federal Boundary Changes for South Shore-St. Margaret's

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new boundaries for South Shore St. Margaret's. 19(1)

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I understand the complex challenge that faces a three-person commission to undertake the redistribution of the federal constituency boundaries for Nova Scotia. I respectfully disagree with your proposal to remove the rural community of Shelburne from the riding and to add suburban HRM communities.

The proposed redistribution of South Shore – St. Margaret's does not meet two of the main criteria defined by Elections Canada for deciding federal electoral boundaries. The proposed boundaries appear to have been drawn on the basis of population only and do not reflect the criteria of "*communities of interest or identity and historical patterns of previous boundaries*".

The counties of Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg have been the heart of the South Shore riding for over fifty years. The riding is historically rural, costal, and resourced based. The provincial tourism Lighthouse Route is based on coastal tourism in these three counties.

In 2003, in an effort to balance population criterion, portions of Halifax West were added and the Riding was renamed South Shore St. Margaret's. This was the beginning of the erosion of communities of interest and historical pattern criterion.

In 2012, due to low population growth in rural Nova Scotia, 11% of new territory was added from Halifax West. This 2012 redistribution continued to further dilute the rural aspect of the riding. People living in Shelburne, Barrington, Liverpool, New Germany or New Ross have very little connection to residents of the suburban areas of HRM such as Westwood Hills, Stillwater Lake, Lewis Lake or Hubley.

Over the previous two boundary distributions, the identity of the rural, costal, resource-based riding of South Shore-St. Margaret's has been diluted significantly. The proposed redistribution, continues the erosion of the concept of communities of interest and historical patterns of previous boundaries by removing Shelburne County and additional HRM suburban area.

This current boundary review is an opportunity for the commission to return South Shore-St. Margaret's to its rural historic roots of fishing communities, resource-based communities and costal tourism communities. This can be accomplished by reorganizing the riding to include communities which run along the coast from Charlesville in the west to Sambro in the east and by redistributing some of the suburban ridings back to suburban ridings in HRM.

My suggestions to accomplish this are as follows:

- Maintain the rural area of Shelburne as part of South Shore-St. Margaret's
- Redistribute areas in HRM such as Stillwater Lake, Westwood Hills, Lewis Lake, and Hubley to Bedford and Halifax West ridings.
- Add West Pennant, Sambro, Sandy Cove and Ketch Harbour.

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Sent from [Keep Shelburne in the South Shore](#)

Halifax - South Shore - St. Margaret's Bay proposal

19(1)

Mon 5/9/2022 12:28 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: Andy Fillmore <Andy.Fillmore@parl.gc.ca>

Hello.

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed new electoral boundary to have the Halifax boundary stop at the Connaught Battery location in Ferguson's Cove.

The National Historic Site of York Redoubt in Ferguson's Cove is part of the Halifax Defence Complex and removing York Redoubt from the Halifax riding would split the cultural and historical connection that has been in place since the 18th century.

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Attn: Redistribution Commission

19(1)

Fri 5/20/2022 9:18 AM

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Cc: 19(1)

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Re: Request to make a representation at the virtual public hearing to be held on June 27, 2022

19(1)

Sun 6/19/2022 4:26 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thank you Carol. It is much appreciated

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2022, at 8:28 PM, NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Good evening:
Thank you for notifying me about the Virtual Hearing.
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Carol

Carol Moulaison
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
for Nova Scotia
Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: 19(1)

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:25 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Request to make a representation at the virtual public hearing to be held on June 27, 2022

Good Morning ,

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To the point, and based on very rough population estimates, I support several others representing that the so called " Sambro Loop" be moved from the South Shore St. Margaret's district to the Halifax district.

Therefore:

The net changes that I submit to South Shore St. Margaret's are :

1. Move all of Beechville , Lakeside and Timberlea now in Halifax West , an estimate of -6,000 voters to SSSM + 6,000
2. Westwood Hills be removed from SSSM district , an estimate of - 2,000 voters to Halifax West +2,000.
3. The " Sambro loop " , an estimate of -1,500 votes be removed from SSSM to Halifax + 1,500.

As a result of these three proposed changes , the South Shore St Margaret's would be a net of + 2,500 voters (6,000 -2,000-1,500) added to SSSM or approximately 3 more percentage points deviation.

Halifax West would be a net of -4000 voters between 4 and 5 less percentage points deviation allowing capacity to extend Halifax West into Fairmount or Fairmont (as requested by several speakers at the referenced hearing) .

Hello:

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The single issue that I would be addressing is the fragmentation of the linked communities Beechville, Lakeside and Timberlea to parts of it assigned to Halifax West and parts to South Shore St.Margarets.

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I readily recognize there are very few easy fixes to find. .Though I do believe there are other options to put the Beechville, LakesideTimberlea communities - a.k.a by the acronym BLT - back together. And the exercise to examine other alternatives would be highly appreciated by these affected, closely joined communities.

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I am limited to an estimate based on my very rough calculation including all of Beechville Lakeside Timberlea communities within the South Shore St. Margarets federal seat . It would be an approximate shift of some 3000 residential units x 2.5 pop. density x 82% voter density= 6,150 registered voters . However, it does seem to me that there is a case to shift the Westwood Community subdivision from currently South Shore St. Margarets to Halifax West. My rough calculation for this specific shift is 1, 000 residential units x 2.5 pop. density x 82 % voter density = 2,050 registered voters. I realize the actual numbers will be different but if I'm close to those numbers the above shifting of these communities would result in an approximate increase to South Shore St. Margarets from 80, 084 registered voters to 84,184 (80, 084 + 6,150 -2,050) and Halifax West from 79,148 to 75,048 (79,148 -6150 +2050) .

Thank you for the above consideration.

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Sun 5/22/2022 7:55 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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My subject: I wish to discuss the proposed changes to the Federal Halifax Electoral Distric. Specially, I wish to advocate that proposed re-allocation of most of the communities of the locally named "Sambro Loop" to the South Shore District is impractical, isolates a unique group of communities with close ties to the rest of the Halifax District from their new reassigned South Shore district, and disrupts a well established community of interest - with a distict identity

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Preserve the South Shore <admin@preservethesouthshore.ca>

Thu 5/19/2022 4:44 PM

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May 22 2022

To: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia
PO Box 70071, RPO Cobequid
Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2N0

Att: Commission



It is my intention to address the purposed redrawing of the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 map as it relates to the South Shore and HRM.



Below is a brief description of my concerns with the purposed redrawing:

I have knowledge of the "Community of Interest" of the South Shore. South Shore means Lunenburg County, Queen's County and Shelburne County and has for hundreds of years, going back to its settlement by Cornwallis's Foreign Protestants in 1750-53 to the United Empire Loyalists, and not the settlers of the Nation of France from in 1605 under catholic rule which still holds today as the Acadian Shore

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I also understand the narrow part of the HRM that is similar to the South Shore but this is really just the Bay and the fishing communities on the coast from Peggy's Cove to Sambro (once one gets closer to Halifax past Sambro there are zero fishing communities).

Importantly, the Commission now has an opportunity to make a true Halifax West riding as a result of the demographic growth of the HRM. Westwood Hills is actually a community of interest with Hammonds plans communities of Haliburton Heights, Stillwater Lake, Timberlea, Hubley and Lakeside as similar communities that have young families in suburban housing development where daily life revolves around Halifax and not the South Shore. The inclusion of these communities in the South Shore has always been odd to me. Residents of these communities are mainly young families that work, commute, and do all their recreation in the suburbs and on the Halifax Peninsula. The suburban families of these communities have nothing in common with Caledonia, New Ross, Port Mouton, Lunenburg and so on.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fergusons Cove move to South Shore electoral district

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Thu 4/28/2022 2:23 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

I understand Fergusons Cove has been made part of a district with which we have very little in common. I would

Like to register my concern and my opposition to this change in boundary. I am sure this is not a good move for our residents as we have commonality with Purcells Cove and Spryfield and indeed Halifax.

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Thu 5/19/2022 11:27 PM

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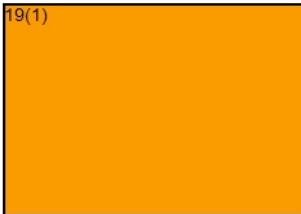
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Re: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022

NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 6/28/2022 9:32 AM

To: Warden Penny Smith <Warden@municipalityofshelburne.ca>

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Phone (toll free) 1-855-726-4107

From: Warden Penny Smith <Warden@municipalityofshelburne.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:21 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022

Dear Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022; specifically, the proposed redrawing of federal districts that would add Shelburne County to the West Nova Riding.

Residents of Shelburne County, which includes the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, have for many years been part of the South Shore-St. Margaret's Riding. Under the proposed boundary changes, our County would become part of the Acadian Shore-Shelburne Riding, which extends from part of Kings County to Shelburne County.

This matter was discussed by the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne at their May 11, 2022 Council meeting. Council understands and recognizes that the redrawing of districts could potentially have a significant impact on the community as it relates to community interest and representation. We strongly feel that a public hearing in Shelburne County should be held in order that residents may become better informed as to why the changes are being proposed, as well as being afforded the opportunity to provide the Commission with feedback on what they view may be the potential impacts, both positive and negative, as a result of the proposed change.

Representation from our Member of Parliament is vital and our residents need to know their voices are being heard on this important issue.

On behalf of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, thank you again for the opportunity to address this matter with you and I look forward to receiving your favourable response to Council's request.

Sincerely,

Warden Penny Smith

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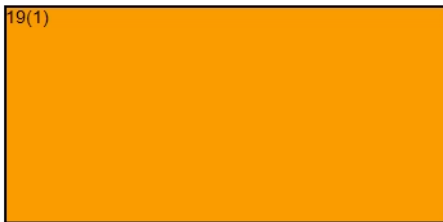
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Thank you,

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Sent from [Keep Shelburne in the South Shore](#)

South Shore redistribution

19(1)

Wed 5/18/2022 4:20 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: Rick Perkins <rick.perkins@parl.gc.ca>

19(1)

NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

May 18, 2022

Re: Keep Shelburne County in the South Shore

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Dear Redistribution Commission,

I am writing to you 19(1) to express my concerns regarding your proposal to have Shelburne County separated from the riding of South Shore – St. Margaret's.

Your recent proposal suggests removing Shelburne County from the riding and incorporating it into the neighboring riding of West Nova to create the new riding of "Acadian Shore—Shelburne" and to further encroach South Shore – St. Margaret's into the territory of Halifax West. The removal of an entire county from the riding is destructive to its historical patterns and is not in line with previous electoral boundaries or communities of interest.

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unique character, culture, and industries; and has been called the South Shore. Combining Shelburne County with the Western Shore ignores centuries of community distinction.

Culturally, the South Shore is recognized for its fishing and woodland industries as well as its welcoming tourism spirit. Fishing communities dot the South Shore from Chester to Clark's Harbour, and this way of life has tied together Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg counties for generations. Woodland communities like Welshtown, Greenfield, and New Germany are also very similar. Conversely, Shelburne County shares few economic similarities with major communities in the newly proposed "Acadian Shore—Shelburne" riding. Towns like Middleton and Bridgetown, and their environs in the Annapolis Valley have economies based on agriculture.

Similarly, in the proposed new South Shore – St. Margaret's the riding will encompass more area in the Halifax Regional Municipality, the differences in the culture between communities like Timberlea and Caledonia, Lakeside and New Ross, along with Beachville and the Tancook Islands are staggering, while the connections with communities in Shelburne County like Sable River, Port la Tour and Woods Harbour have developed over 100's of years.

The original South Shore is truly rural, adding more urban (Halifax) areas to this riding will further erode the deepfelt distinction between rural and urban citizens with little to nothing in common.

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I would like to request that a public hearing take place within the county to allow the public to express input concerning your commission's proposal.

If no such meeting is granted, please accept this letter as my notice of representation at the public hearing in the

South Shore Region.

Shelburne County belongs in South Shore – St. Margaret's and South Shore – St. Margaret's is a better place with County in it.

Thank you,

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Sun 5/8/2022 10:18 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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My subject: This new Boundary changes will hurt the majority of our electors on the South Shore . We have a large number of first nations people on Reserve lands, Wild Cat, Ponhook and Gold River just to name a few , fishermen, lumbering imports,exports,,dairy and agriculture famers, Christmas tree famers ,wineries and so on, We have nothing in common with Halifax County residents. This is not right.

19(1)

May 19th, 2022

To: NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

Title: Keep Shelburne in the South Shore!

Dear Redistribution Commission,

I am writing in response to an article I read posted in the CBC on May 4, 2022. The heading was "Proposed New Federal Boundary would significantly shift Nova Scotia ridings next election".

The article claims the motivation is to "equalize" or at least attempt to equalize the provinces' ridings, using population numbers, for the benefit of all. To make each riding as it were, to have equal numbers of people and therefore equal say at the Federal level.

Further, the article speaks to the target of 88,000 people per riding, plus or minus 25 percent, more or less. That actually would give a floating target per riding of between 66,000 to some 110,000. Halifax West is mentioned specifically as having great growth recently and actually has a population of 112,000 which exceeds the target, plus 25 percent, by a whopping 2 percent which to this writer is where the "more or less" clause would kick in. Municipal planners actually design with density in mind and their target is clearly for the larger centers to experience growth. The benefit is the various levels of Government expenditures are actually sharing the benefit of those services provided to the denser areas of population. To then suggest slicing and dicing an area because it has become the reality of what an urban planner proposed seems to go against the very purpose of the urban plan.

Arbitrarily making lines in the sand to meet some goal which would allegedly be for the greater good worries me. Those new lines in my view do nothing to take into account the actual true history of a region, nothing to do with the wants or needs of the people and appear to have an ulterior motive.

19(1) The area defined by the current boundaries include like minded people who are directly in, or indirectly effected by, the number one industry of the region – fishing. From top to bottom we share fishing, we share granite, we share the 103. It has been so for generations. It will be for future generations. South Shore–St. Margaret's encompasses many small villages and communities, a number of larger Towns, all which serve as the core our communities. Together we are the South Shore. Together is where I believe we need to stay.

To suggest that we realign with others beginning with West Nova and beyond does not actually get to your targeted goal of reaching 88,000 people plus or minus, give or take. It does not get people to mix better in like-minded communities. It does nothing to meet the ongoing needs of The Province or the people. The peoples of the proposed new riding will not mix together. History shows us that from the early days. People with differing backgrounds and histories choose to enjoy each other and live in communities with each other. The same strengths that give the South Shore its identity also can be said of the Acadian Shore with each individual identity.

I see that there are information sessions planned in Yarmouth and Bridgewater in the coming weeks. I also note with interest that said meetings are scheduled for just one week or so after the lobster season in this community ends. It sure doesn't give our Fishing Families much in the way of time to consider and

digest what is being proposed. Today, these same families are busy fishing, they are not thinking of boundary lines for the next Federal Election. What I'm curious to hear is why there has been no information session planned for the County of Shelburne which would attract the peoples of Shelburne, Barrington, Cape Sable Island and surrounding areas. To Yarmouth it's at least an hour drive, to Bridgewater even more, why not include the people by holding a public hearing that is in their immediate area? Hear first hand what the public of this community are thinking. I therefore request a public hearing in this local community for input prior to any decision being made to change the current boundary configuration.

Bottom line message from this writer is clear – make a greater effort to include the people of the riding in the discussion and ultimately leave the boundary for South Shore–St. Margaret's as is. I for one, do not see any upside to the proposed changes and repeat, South Shore – St. Margaret's is in no need of boundary change of any description.

19(1)



Please keep Shelburne in the South Shore!

Preserve the South Shore <admin@preservethesouthshore.ca>

Fri 5/20/2022 6:14 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

From: 19(1)

To: NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

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Sent from [Keep Shelburne in the South Shore](#)

South Shore - St Margarets

19(1)

Wed 5/18/2022 12:49 PM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Boundary Commission,

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19(1) I would like to attend the virtual hearing on June 27th in English.

Briefly, I had many citizens in my area complaining that we belonged to SSSM instead of a Halifax riding as we are very far from any center at the south shore. Meanwhile, Shelburne County is an essential part of the south shore, and the elected representative would work on common issues. I strongly recommend to rather distribute parts of the northern part of this riding.

Regards,

19(1)

RE: Boundary redistribution

19(1)

Mon 5/23/2022 9:56 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To Whom It May Concern

Please consider this email my request to present at an upcoming hearing regarding the proposed boundary redistribution.

As MLA for Shelburne county, I have grave concerns regarding the negative impact of the proposed change, which would see Shelburne County removed from its current riding of South Shore-St.

Margaret's Bay would have on our county.

Historically, Shelburne has been part of the South Shore riding, the riding in which we have the most in common. I will expand during my presentation.

I also am very concerned that although Shelburne stands to be the most negatively impacted, the Commission has chosen not to have a hearing in our county, so if that remains the case, I will ask to present virtually.

Sincerely

19(1)

Please keep Shelburne as a part of South Shore- St. Margarets

19(1)

Fri 5/6/2022 11:18 AM

To: NS-NE <NS-NE@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Redistribution Commission,

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I am writing to you to express my view that Shelburne County should not be separated from the our riding . Shelburne is an integral part of the our south shore community and I would view your recent proposal that incorporating it into it the neighbouring riding of West Nova is an error in judgement. The Shelburne area is integral to South Shore- St. Margarets not only from historical perspectives but from economic connections between our communities. What makes it more disconcerting is that this decision is not in line with previous electoral boundaries or communities of interest.

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Phone Call [19(1)]

[19(1)] He was looking at the map for electoral boundaries and is wondering if you are going to include the Annapolis Valley and the Acadian Shore and the Shelburne and Yarmouth Counties all in one district. He doesn't feel it is a good fit.