

February 20, 2022

Submission to 2022 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan

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The principal recommendation of this submission is that there should be three federal electoral districts within the city limits of the City of Saskatoon. One of those electoral districts should be exclusively comprised of “urban” neighbourhoods inside Circle Drive while the other two electoral districts should be primarily comprised of “suburban” neighbourhoods outside Circle Drive. Following this recommendation would create an electoral map that follows the recent historical evolution of electoral districts in Saskatchewan, would better conform to the “community of interest” criteria in the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*, and would improve democratic representation for both urban and suburban citizens in Saskatchewan. Further, such a change would better reflect the recent demographic shifts in Saskatoon such as a growing Indigenous and immigrant population within Circle Drive.

Population Considerations

The 2021 Census found that Saskatchewan had a population of 1,132,505 and that the City of Saskatoon (as opposed to the Saskatoon Census Metropolitan Area) had a population of 266,141. If all of Saskatchewan’s fourteen electoral districts have equal populations, each of Saskatchewan’s electoral districts should have a population of 80,893. Considering that the population of federal electoral districts in Canada can vary by up to 25 percent, Saskatchewan’s ridings need to fall into a population range of 60,870-100,916. However, the closer that each riding falls to 80,093, the more equal the democratic representation in the province.

Based on the 2021 census population count and a target of 80,893 residents per electoral district, it is very feasible to create an “urban” electoral district exclusively within the urban boundaries of Circle Drive. Circle drive quite literally circles the city and creates a very specific community of interest living within the city’s urban core. Citizens inside the circle tend to be closely tied to the large employers in the city and have unique policy issues (including transit, housing, food security and others). Using the December 2020 edition of the City of Saskatoon’s

*Neighbourhood Profiles*¹, we estimate that there are almost 98,000 residents of Saskatoon living in neighbourhoods within the boundaries of Circle Drive. We estimate that there are approximately 168,000 residents of Saskatoon living in “suburban areas” (i.e. outside of the boundaries of Circle Drive but still within the limits of the City of Saskatoon). Please refer to the Appendix A for a list of the neighbourhoods that are inside Circle Drive and their populations and Appendix B for a map illustrating where these urban and suburban neighbourhoods are located. We propose one electoral district made up exclusively of neighbourhoods within Circle Drive that would have a population of roughly 88,000 voters. We also propose an east suburban Saskatoon electoral district and west suburban Saskatoon electoral district that would be primarily made up of residents living outside of Circle Drive and have approximately 88,000 voters in each district. It would be necessary to include around 10,000 voters from neighbourhoods inside Circle Drive into the two suburban ridings to give Saskatoon’s three electoral districts roughly similar numbers of residents.

Our analysis shows that, given the considerations of population that the Commission must take into account in designing fourteen electoral districts in Saskatchewan of roughly equal populations, it is very practical to divide Saskatoon into three electoral districts: one that is “urban” and is exclusively comprised of neighbourhoods inside Circle Drive and two others that are “suburban” and primarily comprised of neighbourhoods inside Circle Drive with a number of voters living inside Circle Drive.

Rationale for Proposed Change

The governing legislation for your Commission is the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*. Beyond the number of voters in a district, the *Act* identifies two considerations that the Commission should use in determining the boundaries of electoral districts. First, the Commission must respect the “community of interest or community of identity in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province.”² Second, the Commission should insure a manageable geographic size for districts that are sparsely populated, rural, and northern areas of Canada.

Since the second consideration does not apply to the case of Saskatoon, we will concentrate on the first consideration.

The historical pattern of the electoral districts in Saskatoon has evolved towards the recognition that there are unique policy differences for residents in Saskatoon and those living in surrounding rural areas. From 1996 until 2012, Saskatoon was divided into four ridings that had large rural segments. The 2012 Federal Electoral Boundaries for Saskatchewan created three electoral districts in Saskatoon that were primarily within the city limits of Saskatoon. The 2012 Commission felt that “the community of interest and identity were more closely aligned within city boundaries than they were between the city and rural areas. Put plainly, residents of Forest

¹ See City of Saskatoon, *Neighbourhood Profiles*, 19th Edition, December 2020, https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/planning-development/research/neighbourhood-profiles/neighbourhood_profiles_2020.pdf

² Government of Canada, *Federal Boundaries Readjustment Act*, page 6, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/E-3.pdf>

Grove, Nutana, and Riversdale in Saskatoon share more common concerns with one another than with residents of Rosetown and Humboldt”.³

We see our proposal as the logical next step in the evolution of Saskatoon’s electoral districts that began with the 2012 Commission. That commission recognized that rural residents outside of Saskatoon and residents within Saskatoon do not have the same community of interests. Our proposal recognizes that residents within the “urban” part of Saskatoon and residents within the “suburban” part of Saskatoon do not share the same community of interests.

Political behaviour literature, some of which comes out of the Political Studies Department at the University of Saskatchewan and includes Saskatoon in its analysis, illustrates that suburban and urban residents in Canada have different political interests and different political concerns.⁴ It is not hard to see how the interests and concerns of residents on federal political issues inside Circle Drive and outside Circle Drive differ. We provide some important examples below.

- **Infrastructure:** Suburban residents living outside of Circle Drive generally commute to work and are very concerned about Saskatoon’s freeways and perimeter bridges. Urban residents inside of Circle Drive are more likely to walk or bike to work and more likely to take public transit. Such different interests would influence how suburban and urban voters view federal infrastructure funding priorities.
- **Urban Planning:** Urban residents in Saskatoon are very concerned about densification of their neighbourhoods and have concerns about the development of “food deserts” inside of Circle Drive, for example in the Nutana area and in the area around Riversdale. Suburban residents are more concerned about the development of green spaces and amenities attached to their neighbourhoods such as pools, soccer centres, and playgrounds. Again, these different interests would influence how these two sets of voters view infrastructure funding agreements that the federal government has with the City of Saskatoon.
- **Post-secondary Educational Institutions:** While there are a number of high schools in suburban Saskatoon, both of the city’s post-secondary institutions (University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic) are situated inside Circle Drive. Urban Saskatoon residents are, therefore, concerned how these institutions are governed and integrated into the broader community. Considering the large amount of federal money that goes into post-secondary education, urban and suburban residents may have different views on the amount of federal money that should be spent on post-secondary institutions and how that funding should be spent.

³ Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of the Province of Saskatchewan. 2012. *Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of the Province of Saskatchewan*, page 6, https://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2013/elections/SE3-23-8-2012-1-eng.pdf

⁴ See David McGrane, Loleen Berdahl, and Scott Bell. 2017. “Moving Beyond the Urban/Rural Cleavage: Measuring Values and Policy Preferences Across Residential Zones in Canada”, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 39: 17-39. Walks, Alan. 2004. “Place of residence, party preferences, and political attitudes in Canadian cities and suburbs”, *Journal of Urban Affairs* 26: 269-295. Walks, Alan. 2005. “The City-Suburban Cleavage in Canadian Federal Politics”, *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 38: 383-414. Walks, Alan. 2006. “The Causes of City-Suburban Political Polarization: A Canadian Case Study”, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 96: 390-414. Walks, Alan. 2007. “The Boundaries of Suburban Discontent: Urban Definitions and Neighbourhood Political Effects”, *The Canadian Geographer* 51: 160-185.

- **Downtown:** Suburban residents are interested in the development of retail outlets and big box stores that are accessible by car and close to their homes. They visit downtown, but do not live close to it. On the other hand, urban residents live within or close to one of Saskatoon's entertainment and shopping districts (either downtown along 2nd Avenue or the Broadway district) and have concerns about the viability of these districts and how governments can encourage their vibrancy. Again, these different interests would influence how the urban and suburban voters look at infrastructure funding that the federal government provides to Saskatoon.
- **Homelessness:** For the most part, Saskatoon's homeless population is in neighbourhoods located inside Circle Drive. As such, urban residents are more concerned with the funding and structure of shelters and services for Saskatoon's vulnerable homeless population and part of such funding routinely comes from the federal government.
- **Indigenous Issues:** Saskatoon's Indigenous population is concentrated in the neighbourhoods inside Circle Drive, particularly those on the inside of the west side of Circle Drive.⁵ This population has unique concerns with reconciliation and the large number of federal programs concerning Indigenous peoples that are funded and administered by the federal government. We would also note that Indigenous representation and voice inside the Canadian Parliament can be improved if urban Indigenous populations are better represented. We know that many Indigenous peoples in Canada live in cities, and we believe that the design of electoral districts should take into account that Indigenous urban voices need better representation.
- **Immigrant Settlement and Citizenship Policy:** Newcomers to Saskatoon frequently live inside Circle Drive as opposed to the more expensive housing in the city's suburban areas. These newcomers, several of which are in the process of becoming Canadian citizens, have distinctive concerns about settlement programs that are partly funded by the federal government and citizenship and immigration law that is completely in federal jurisdiction.

It is not our argument that suburban residents do not have strong policy opinions on issues inside Circle Drive (e.g. homelessness) or that urban residents do not share concerns about the state of suburban infrastructure (e.g. highways and perimeter bridges). Yet, it is our argument that certain federal political issues are more present and nearer to the lives of urban residents than to the lives of suburban residents and vice-versa. It is our opinion that the differences of political concerns and political interests between these two sets of voters mean that they have different community of interests that should be taken into account when drawing the boundaries of Saskatoon's federal electoral districts. Indeed, it is clear that electoral commissions from our neighbouring prairie provinces have come to a similar conclusion. Looking at the electoral boundaries maps for Calgary, Edmonton, and Winnipeg shows that each has at least one central riding (Calgary Centre, Edmonton Centre, and Winnipeg Centre) surrounded by what could be considered suburban ridings.

⁵ Alan Anderson, 2005. *Socio-Demographic Study of Aboriginal Population in Saskatoon*, Saskatoon: Community-University Research Alliances Program. 15-24. https://data1.b.usask.ca/iportal/2005.07.14/sociodemo_reportfinal.pdf

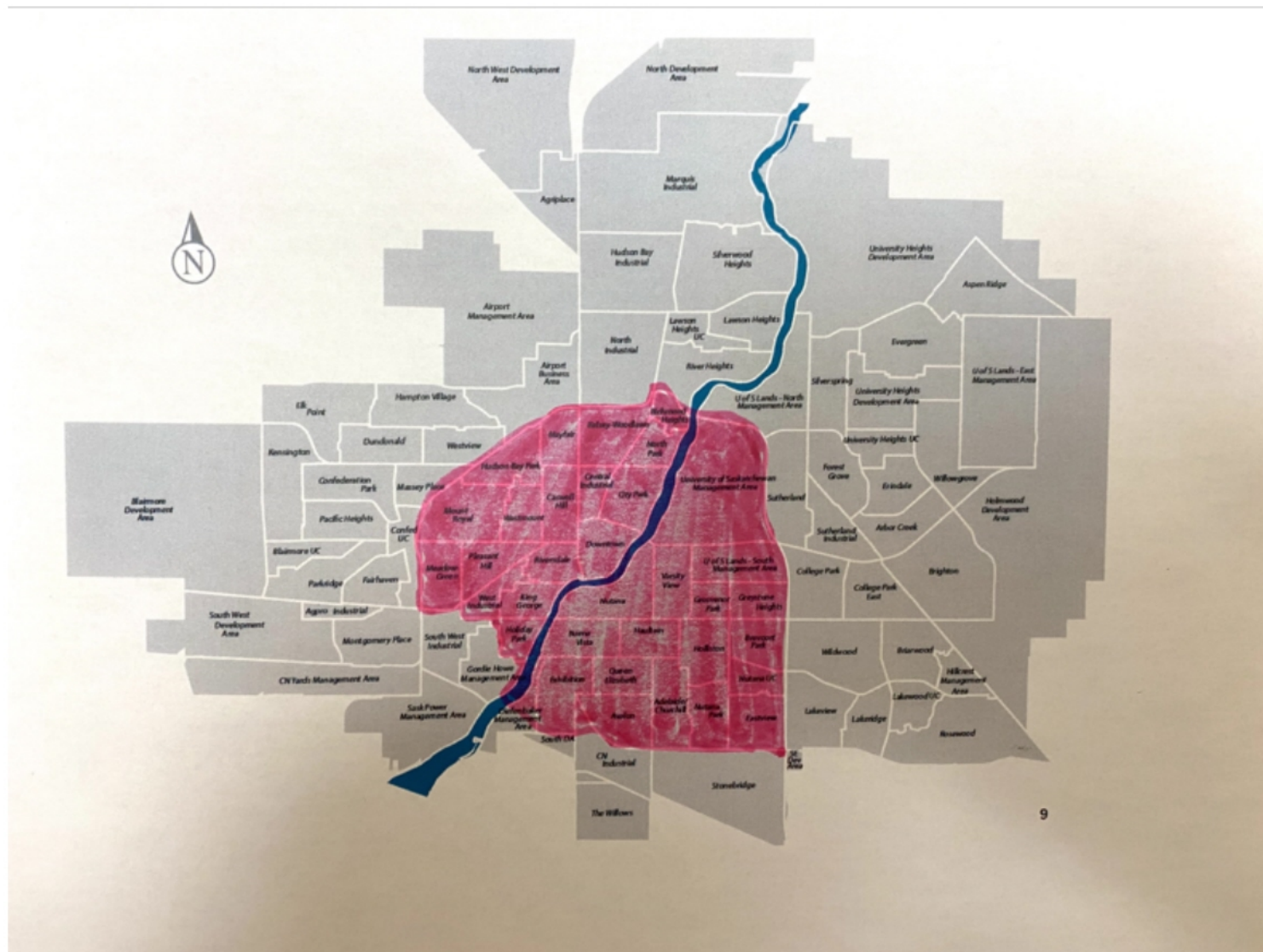
Conclusion: Improving Democratic Representation

Given the differences in the immediate political concerns of urban and suburban residents in Saskatoon, it is unfair to ask a single MP to represent the interests of such different constituents. In fact, it is detrimental to the well-functioning of Canadian Parliament. For example, it is worthwhile to ask how a single politician can represent the widely different concerns and interests of a person living on 20th Street in Saskatoon and a person living in Rosewood? Asking an MP to perform the impossible task of representing two sets of very different communities of interest leads to ineffective representation for both urban and suburban residents. As such, we propose the feasible and practical solution of having one electoral district in Saskatoon exclusively comprised of “urban” neighbourhoods inside Circle Drive while the other two electoral districts being primarily comprised of “suburban” neighbourhoods outside Circle Drive.

Appendix: Populations of Saskatoon Neighbourhoods Inside Circle Drive

Neighbourhood	Population
Adelaide-Churchill	3732
Avalon	3427
Brevoort Park	4185
Buena Vista	3283
Caswell Hill	3674
City Park	4617
Downtown	3331
Eastview	3948
Exhibition	2718
Greystone Heights	2942
Grosvenor Park	1685
Haultain	3148
Holiday Park	1654
Holliston	3854
Hudson Bay Park	2238
Kelsey-Woodlawn	939
King George	2062
Mayfair	3134
Meadow Green	4638
Mount Royal	5317
North Park	2079
Nutana	6231
Nutana Park	2954
Nutana Urban Centre	3057
Pleasant Hill	5138
Queen Elizabeth	2790
Richmond Heights	1055
Riversdale	2656
U of S South Management Area	739
Varsity View	3628
Westmount	2944
Total	97797

Appendix B: Neighbourhoods that could be included in a central Saskatoon Federal Electoral District (Highlighted in Pink)



“Regina Centre” A proposal

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Q: What do these areas have in common?



Cathedral



Rochdale

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Q: What do these areas have in common?



Heritage



The Creeks

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Q: What do these areas have in common?



North Central



Uplands

A: Not much.

Each pair is in the same electoral district in Regina.
But that's about all they have in common.

It's not just the "look and feel."

Analysis of 2016 Census data shows how Regina's central neighbourhoods have **MORE IN COMMON WITH EACH OTHER** than with the suburban areas that share the same electoral district.

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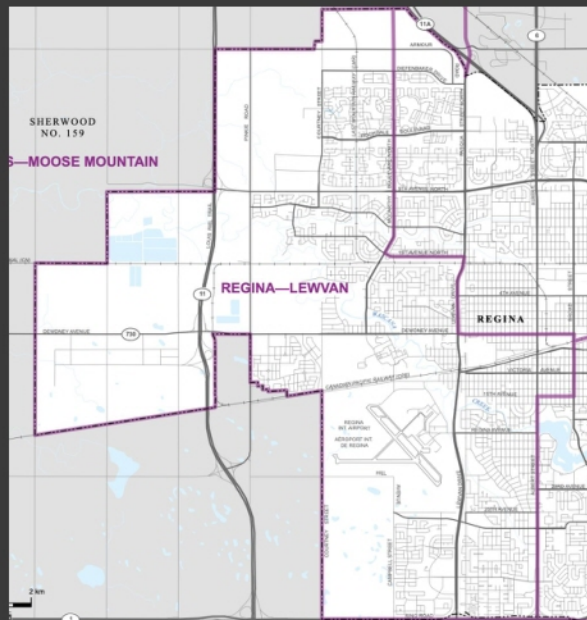
Community of Interest

Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act,
R.S.C., 1985, c. E-3, s. 15.

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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

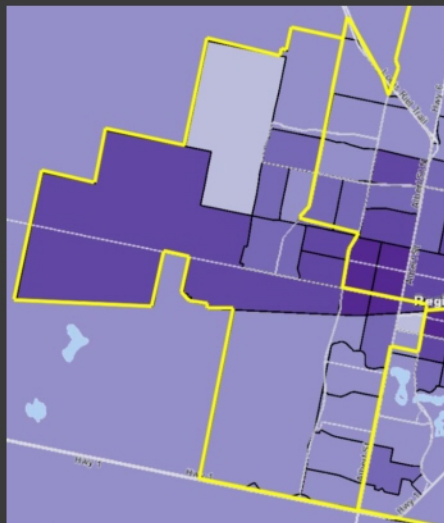
Regina–Lewvan (*proposed*)



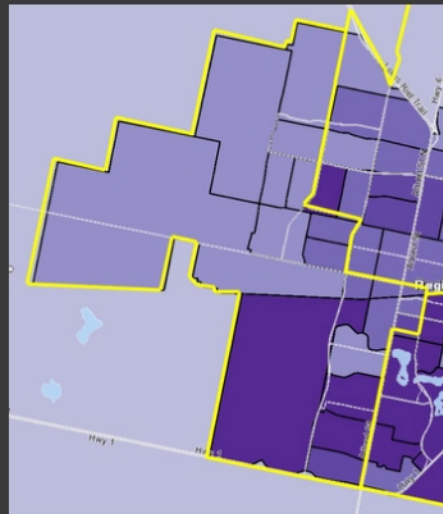
2016 Census Data

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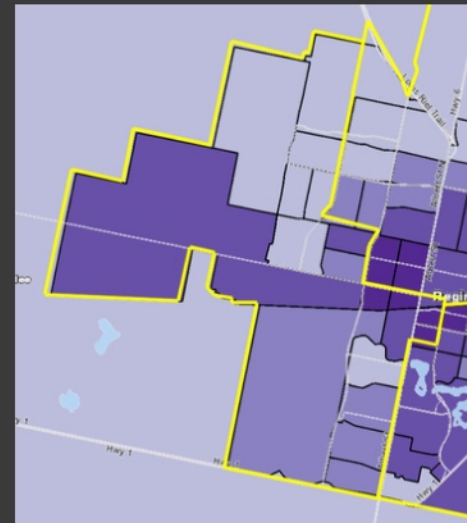
Lone-Parent Families



Non-official Language at Home



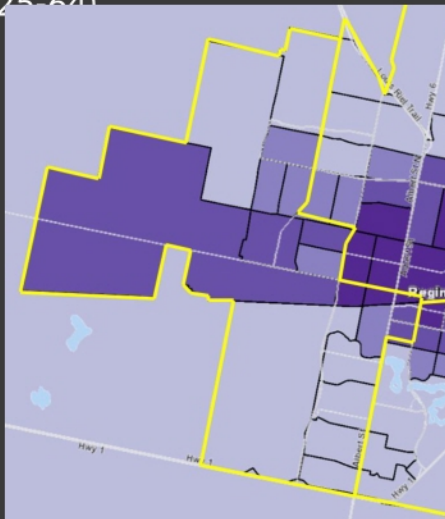
Prevalence of Low Income LIM-AT



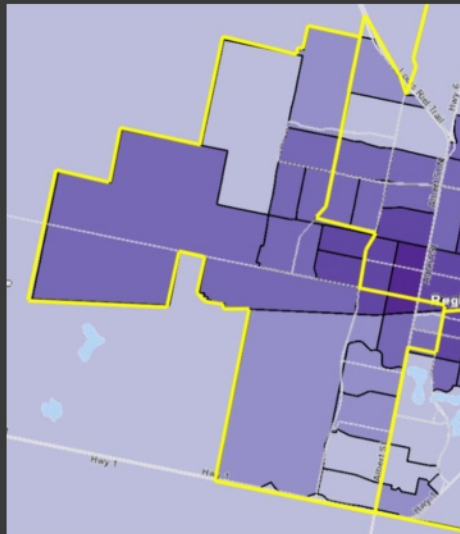
More 2016 Census Data

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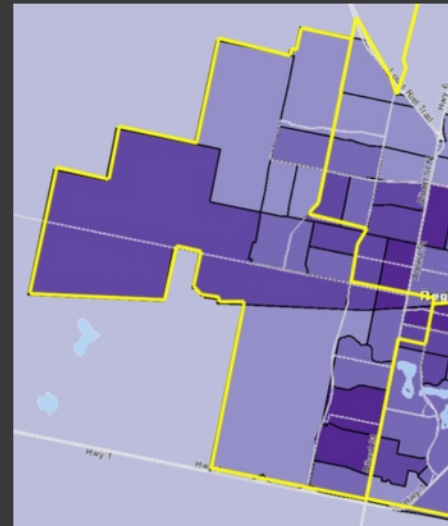
No Secondary Education
(25-64)



Aboriginal Identity



Public Transportation



What community is reflected?



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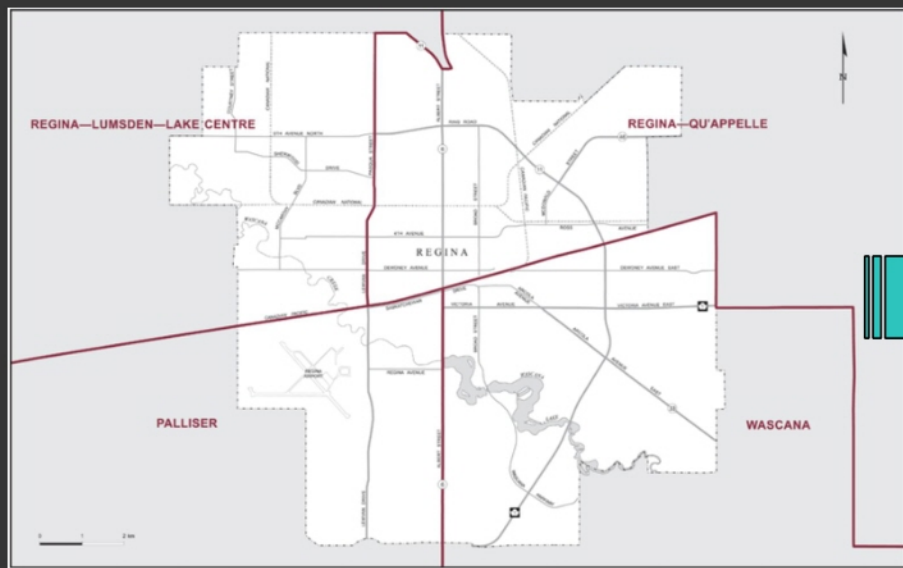
Historical Pattern?

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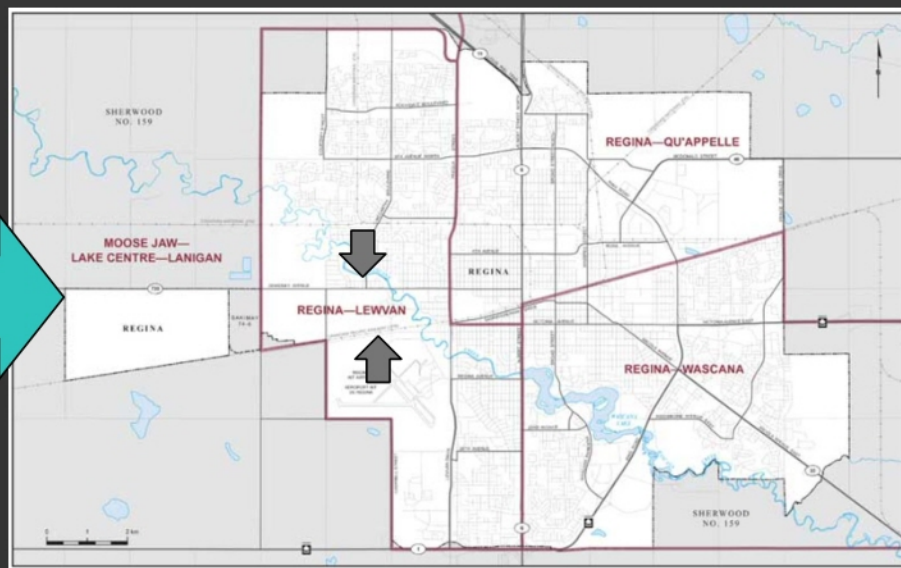
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Changes - Regina

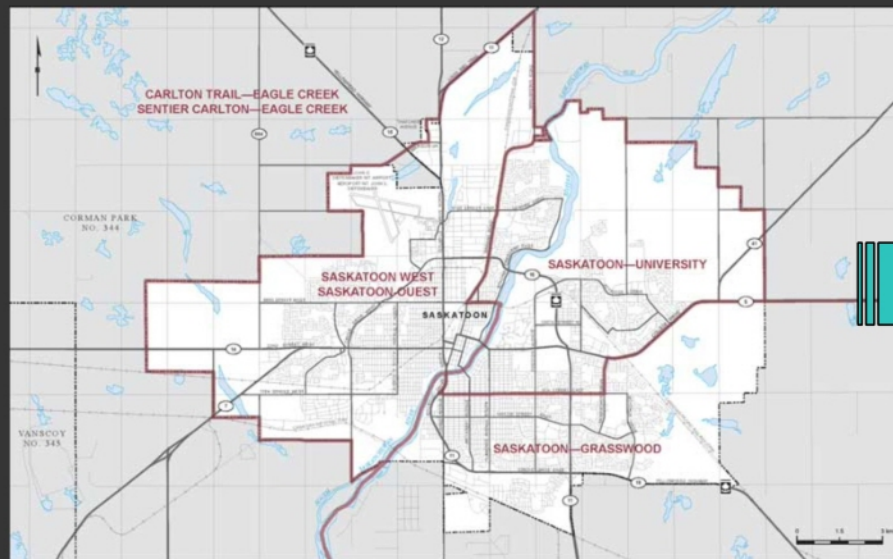


2003 Redistribution

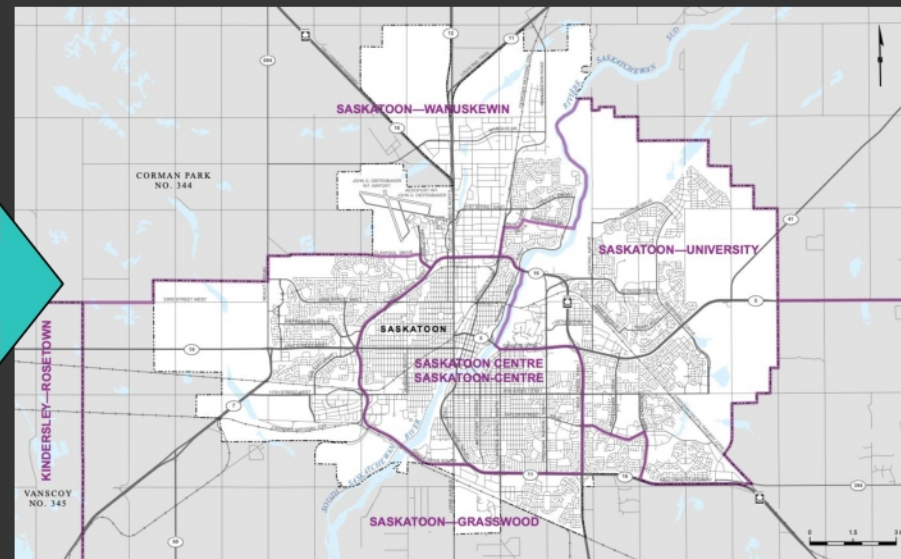


2013 Redistribution

More Changes - Saskatoon



2013 Redistribution



Proposal

Which Model for Regina?

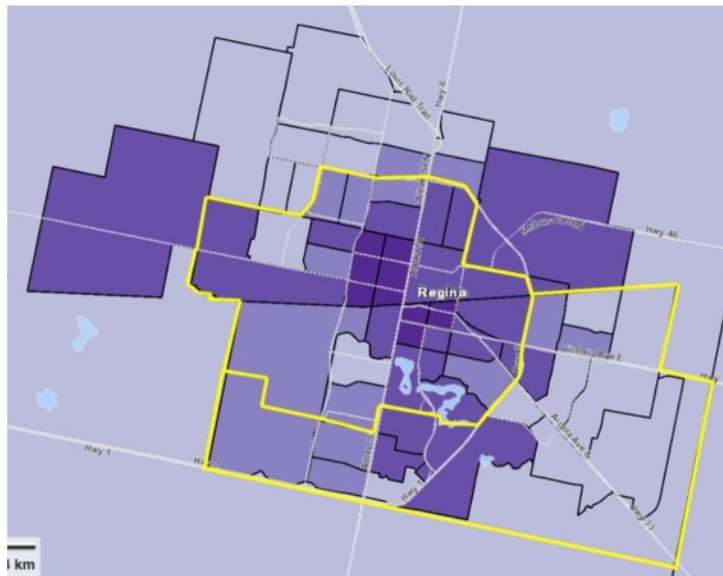


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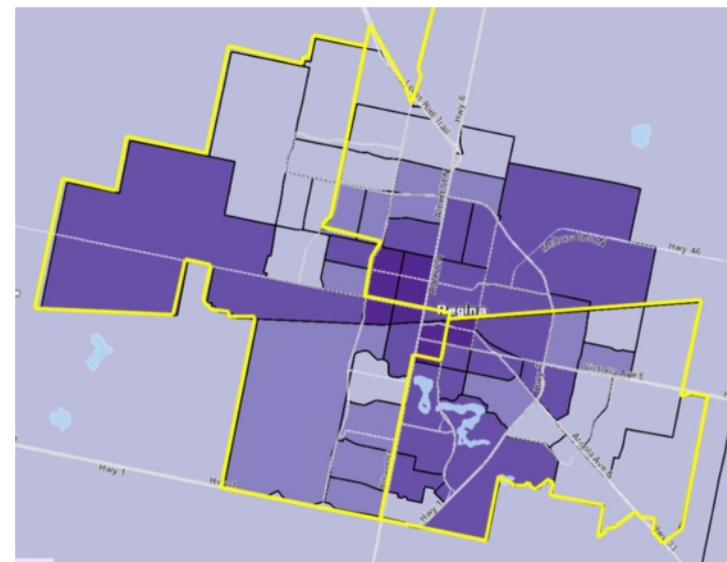


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Which Model for Regina?



"Regina Centre" Proposal - Prevalence of low income in 2015 (LIM-AT) (%)



Commission Proposal - Prevalence of low income in 2015 (LIM-AT) (%)

A Test - Statistical Analysis

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the degree to which two or more attributes or measurements on the same group of elements show a tendency to vary together.

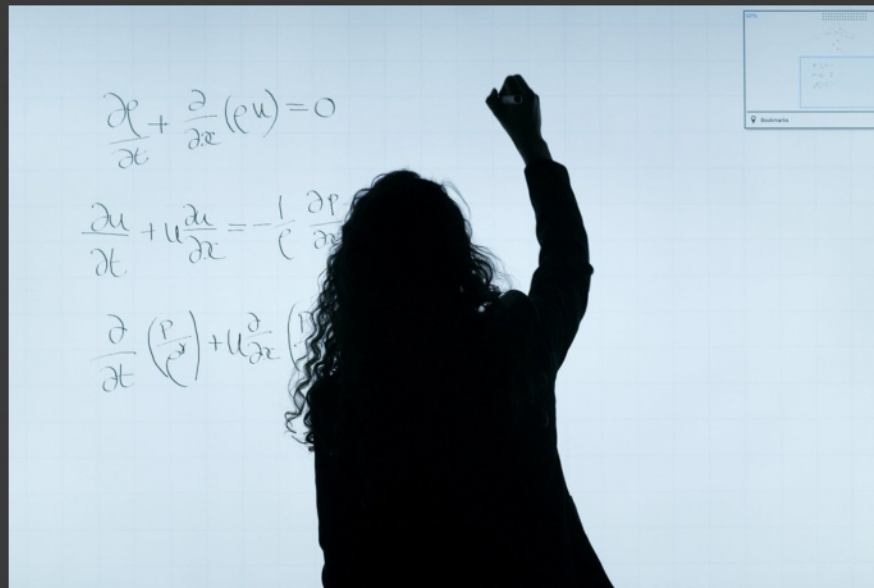


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Statistical Analysis (cont'd)

CORREL (Microsoft Excel/Google Sheets)

“Use the correlation coefficient to determine the relationship between two properties.”

Gives a value for “*r*” which shows the strength of a relationship:

- 0 (no relationship)
- 1 (perfect relationship)
- 1 (perfect negative relationship).

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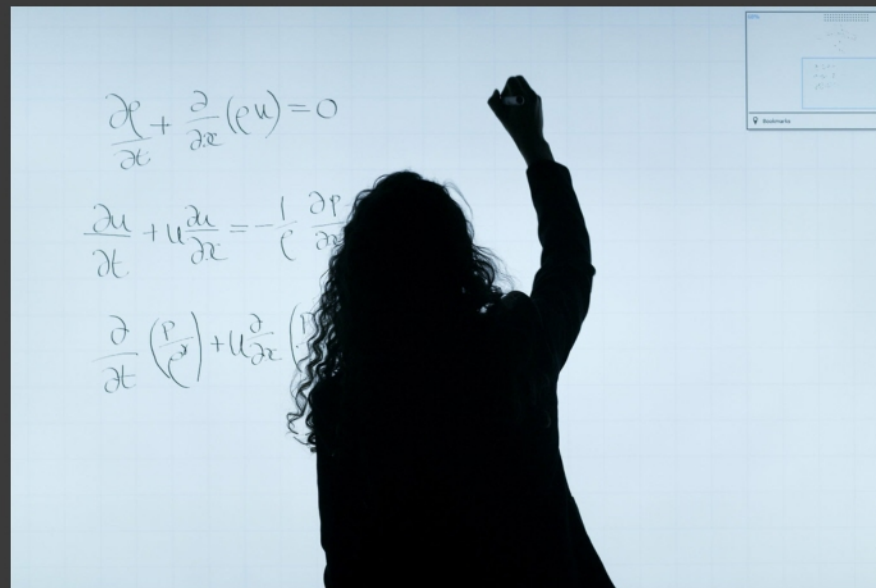
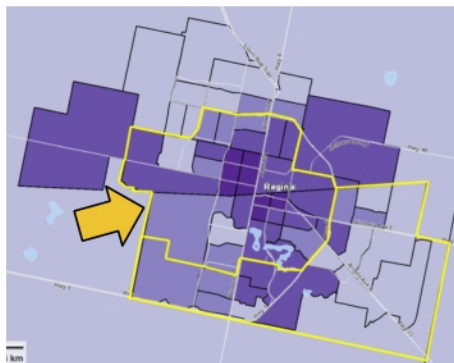


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My Proposal

Regina Centre



Moderate or Strong **Positive** Correlations (>0.4)

Apartments
Lone-parent families
Low Income (LIM-AT)
Aboriginal Identity
Unsuitable Housing
Unaffordable Housing
No certificate or diploma
Unemployment rate
Public Transit

Moderate or Strong **Negative** Correlations (<-0.4)

Household size
Median income
Home owner

Commission Proposal

Regina-Lewvan

Moderate or Strong **Positive**
Correlations (>0.4)

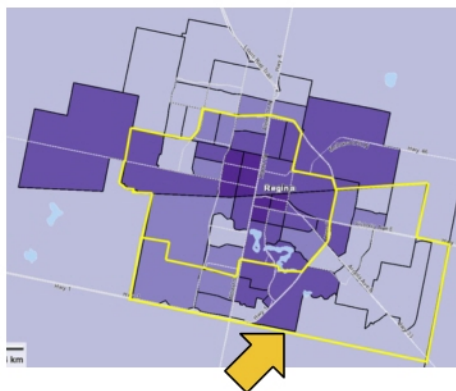
(None)

Moderate or Strong **Negative**
Correlations (<-0.4)

(None)

My Proposal

Regina-Wascana



Moderate or Strong **Positive**
Correlations (>0.4)

Non-official Home
language

Visible Minority
Population

Bachelor Degree or
Above

Non-official Work
language

Moderate or Strong **Negative**
Correlations (<-0.4)

(None)

Commission Proposal

Regina-Wascana

Moderate or Strong **Positive**
Correlations (>0.4)

Non-official home
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Visible Minority
Population

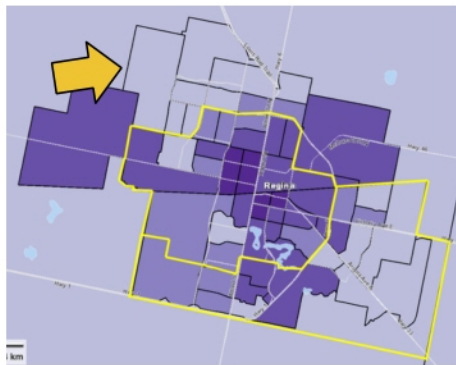
Non-official work
language

Moderate or Strong **Negative**
Correlations (<-0.4)

(None)

My Proposal

Regina-Qu'Appelle (City of Regina portion)



Moderate or Strong **Positive** Correlations (>0.4)

Median household income
Home owner

Moderate or Strong **Negative** Correlations (<-0.4)

Apartments
Non-official home language
Low Income (LIM-AT)
Visible minority population
Not suitable housing
Unaffordable housing
Public Transit
Non-official work language

Commission Proposal

Regina–Qu'Appelle
(City of Regina portion)

Moderate or Strong **Positive**
Correlations (>0.4)

Low income (0 to 17
years)

Moderate or Strong **Negative**
Correlations (<-0.4)

Bachelor Degree or
Above

Non-official work
language

“Regina Centre” A proposal

Three communities of interest.
Three electoral districts.

A city experiencing historical
transformation.



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To:
Justice Georgina Jackson
Dr. Bonita Beatty
Mark Carter

A Proposal Regarding Saskatoon's Electoral Districts

Saskatoon has historically been separated into three ridings which have combined urban, rural, and suburban areas. These ridings have mixed the highest- and lowest-density areas of the city, regardless of the demographic differences of people in the different areas.

This pie-piece division of Saskatoon has resulted in central urban voters — voters who are more likely to live in apartments, bicycle to work, use public transit, and patronize the downtown and Broadway areas — being overwhelmed by suburban voters who live in single-family homes (typically far newer homes, less likely to be concerned with outdated infrastructure), drive everywhere, and prefer to shop at stores and restaurants in the commercial areas that surround the city.

We, the undersigned, suggest that a central electoral district, defined within the boundary of Circle Drive, comprising slightly more than 80 000 voters, would enfranchise voters in the centre of the city and allow the voters in the outer suburban areas of the city to share 2 ridings (with some consideration that the current population of Saskatoon contains about 3.3 electoral districts worth of voters).

Name	Neighbourhood, City	Email	Signature

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Ms. Marlene Rodie – Commission Secretary
Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission
PO Box 21031 RPO Gardiner Park
Regina, Saskatchewan
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Hello, 19(1)

It has come to my attention that your commission has proposed changes to the boundaries for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River that would remove Spiritwood from the northern riding and add it to Battlefords-Lloydminster.

I'm writing today to express my disagreement with this proposal.

Since Spiritwood was added to the northern Saskatchewan riding in 1997, we have been represented by Members of Parliament from all parties.

My concern is that if we are added to Battlefords-Lloydminster, there wouldn't be as much incentive or as many natural opportunities for a Member of Parliament to visit our town.

Being part of a riding like Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River means candidates need to gain a broad base of support from all parts of the riding, as the population is spread over a large area. In Battlefords-Lloydminster, if a candidate has enough support in the cities of Battleford and Lloydminster, they don't need to appeal to small towns like Spiritwood.

It is my hope that you would reconsider your proposal and keep the boundary for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River the way it currently is.

Thank you,

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June 13, 2022

To whom it may concern:

19(1) I would like to take this opportunity to thank the commission member for its work around the boundary distribution for the Saskatchewan federal ridings. Of particular importance, I wish to advise the commission members that we are in full support of the proposed changes to the Desnethe Missinipi Churchill River (DMCR) riding.

Our membership have struggled through a number of federal election challenges which include sheer size of the riding and the roads or lack thereof, that we travel on, to participate equally and fairly. A lot of our members are elderly and do not use nor have access to electronic options to participate in these elections and tend to stay away. A lot of our advance polling options require travelling time and with poor highways and the cost factor, we lose that opportunity to participate.

We suggest greater mobile ballot box access, more advance polling locations, and local radio advertisements 19(1) as other suggestions to prompt greater participation. However, a more focused and concise riding design is exactly what we need. We need to know that our ballot means something.

In closing, I thank you for your deliberations and work, but urge you to implement these recommendations "all the way". Please discourage those that say our support means nothing – we support these changes and it is important to listen to us as well.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if I'm able to be of any further assistance regarding this matter. I can be reached at the above number or you can call my cell 19(1)

Respectfully

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June 27, 2022

Dear Chief Commissioner and Commissioners:

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Saskatchewan, 2022

I have reviewed your Proposal addressing the potential change to the Desnethé – Missinippi – Churchill River constituency and agree with your conclusion on the need for the change, as well as the reasons for proposing such a change.

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As you are aware there are many social, economic, health and justice issues in the north which need specific attention, and we believe this attention can be achieved by having a targeted riding which will enable any future elected Member of Parliament to devote more attention to these grave issues.

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We need a Member of Parliament who can devote more dedicated time and resources to addressing these longstanding matters. 19(1)

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issues are best dealt with by incorporation into the abutting constituencies, the same cannot be said about us.

In closing, I strongly urge your Commission to pursue the proposed boundary change which you provided for our consideration, with an encouragement to adopt the NAD line as the boundary of the new riding.

Yours sincerely,

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RECOMMENDATIONS

To : Electoral Commission

Date: July 15, 2022.

We are recommending that the area designated as the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District (NSAD) be used as the new boundary for the Desnethé–Missinippi–Churchill River riding. Currently, there are vast variations in the cultural and economic realities of the riding – from the urban centres and agricultural communities in the south to the more isolated communities in the north including fly-in First Nations in the far north. The newly proposed redistribution map of DMCCR still includes some of the southern agricultural areas, including the City of Meadow Lake.

To encourage Indigenous People's participation in Federal elections and to ensure true representation, and thus sustainable development for northern Saskatchewan 19(1)

19(1) urges further changes to the new proposed redistribution of Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River riding (DMCCR). 19(1)

19(1) proposes that the final map of DMCCR must fall strictly within the NSAD 19(1)

19(1) believes that 'extraordinary circumstances' precedents have been set that recognize regions such as Northern Saskatchewan to be distinct.

To better serve the purpose of redistribution, the 'extraordinary circumstances' need closer examination and redressal.

- The electoral district's low population density is comparable to places such as Labrador (0.091 sq.km.) and/or Nunavut (0.02 per sq.). As per 2021 statistics, the population of Nunavut is close to 39,500, Labrador's more than 26,600, while 19(1) proposal would have the final Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River Riding (strictly within the NAD) with a population of 37,800.
- The majority of the population in the NSAD is Indigenous who continue to pursue traditional cultural activities.

The NSAD covers approximately 321.163 square kilometers, nearly half of the land mass of Saskatchewan. The boreal forests, waterways and cultural differences, and northern lifestyle of

The NSAD is unique in the province of Saskatchewan, and this has been recognized by various and provincial and federal policies, since after the second world war.

There is also a vast difference in the perception of a candidate and/or political entity, and how a policy impacts a particular region are now, such variables have widespread impact on social change and the trajectory of development in northern Saskatchewan. Further, population studies reveal that voter turnout varies with the socio-demographic imperatives, psychological engagement with politics. These differences are realities influencing requirements that must be addressed by the proposed redistribution of DCMR. What northern Saskatchewan needs is its own representative from the NSAD.

Economically, the NSAD is less affluent than the population in the south. Desnethé–Missinippi–Churchill River has the median income of \$18,910, second lowest in Canada. While northern Saskatchewan abounds in natural resources, forest wealth and marine life, and opportunities to enhance tourism, responsible representation for adequate growth continue to elude the region. These factors only highlight that Northern Saskatchewan needs its own representative from the NSAD.

Sincerely,

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June 27, 2022

Dear Commission Members:

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan

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The electoral boundaries as they exist today does not portray the north. 19(1)

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Many of our issues are ignored because they are not understood and appreciated. 19(1)

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We also face issues with respect to 19(1)

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not to speak of issues surrounding the environment and climate change. Without going too far into the reasons

and rationale for calling for and supporting a new riding for northern Saskatchewan, I can only state that such a change is necessary for our future and for appropriate representation.

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Yours sincerely,

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June 27, 2022

Dear Chief Commissioner and Commissioners:

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Saskatchewan, 2022

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19(1) regarding the Commission's proposal addressing federal boundary changes, and in particular the proposed change to the Desnethé – Missinippi – Churchill River constituency and agree with both 19(1) and your conclusions on the need for a change, as well as the reasons for proposing such a change.

Not only is it a large geographic area, as is correctly identified, the issues of the Indigenous community, 19(1)

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Further, and as you are aware there are many social, economic, health and justice issues in the north which need specific attention, and we believe this attention can be achieved by having a targeted riding which will enable any future elected Member of Parliament to devote more attention to these grave issues. We need a Member of Parliament who can devote more dedicated time and resources to addressing these longstanding

matters.

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In closing, I strongly urge your Commission to pursue the proposed need for a boundary change which you provided for our consideration, with an encouragement to adopt the NAD line as the boundary of the new riding.

Yours sincerely,

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June 27, 2022

Ms. Marlene Rodie – Commission Secretary
Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission
PO Box 21031 RPO Gardiner Park
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4V 0Y0

Re: Opposition to the proposed Federal Electoral Boundary Adjustment

Dear Sir or Madam,

19(1) is in strong opposition to the proposed boundary adjustments as outlined in the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Saskatchewan. The proposed boundary alteration for the Desnethe-Missinippi Churchill River district would not only create an unfair voting representation by cutting the population in half, 19(1)

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representative that represents the area that we do business in. Once again, I urge you to further review the proposed boundary alteration [19(1)] back into the Desnethé-Missinippi – Churchill River electoral district.

Thank you for your consideration regarding our concern. Please do not hesitate to contact [19(1)] [19(1)] to discuss our concern further.

Sincerely,

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cc. Gary Vidal - Conservative MP for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River (Saskatchewan)
Rosemarie Falk - Conservative MP for Battlefords—Lloydminster (Saskatchewan)

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July 14, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Regina, Saskatchewan
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Dear Commission:

Re: Concerns Regarding Electoral Boundary Changes

I am writing this submission 19(1) has some serious concerns in regards to the proposed boundary changes for our current riding of Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill.

We do not feel that the commission has taken into account the identity and historical patterns that exist in our communities. 19(1)

19(1) Our communities have consulted and we feel that we would not be effectively represented if the proposed boundary changes are implemented.

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In summary, let me say that we wish to disagree with the proposed boundary changes as strongly as words allow. We feel that the timeline was rushed, and communities and municipalities could have used more time to communicate these proposed changes to voters. We are hoping that it is not too late for you to consider our proposals, such as:

- Leave us where we are, we are ok with the current boundary, or
- If you must move our community to a different riding then let it be Prince Albert, to which our community and others 19(1) have a much stronger connection.

We would like to thank you for your consideration, if there is further action you can suggest that we follow up on, to further our proposals, please let me know. My personal contact information is 19(1) or by email at 19(1)

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cc: Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan
Gary Vidal, MP for Desnethé – Missinippi – Churchill River

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July 4, 2022

Ms. Marlene Rodie – Commission Secretary
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Dear Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission,

I'm writing today to express my disagreement with the proposed boundary changes for the Northern Saskatchewan constituency of Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River.

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My sense is that those of us who live in Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River according to the current boundary relate more to the North than the more southern ridings. We spend more time at the lake, fishing, hunting, and camping as we are surrounded in beautiful forest and lakes. As well, the distance we must travel for medical appointments or even just for groceries is unique to the North and something people living in Prince Albert or the Battlefords don't understand.

As a numbers person, I immediately recognized the change in population under the proposed boundaries for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River and the impact that has on the population quota. Having reviewed the recently released Manitoba Electoral Boundaries Commission proposal, I couldn't help but notice they have taken a drastically different approach to the northern riding of Churchill—Keewatinook Aski.

The population of Churchill—Keewatinook Aski decreased over the past 10 years and to address that, the Manitoba Electoral Boundaries Commission is adding territory to the riding to bring them to -7.02% of the provincial quota. They justify the increase in size by referring to the continued improvement of technology. As a business owner who works from home, I often connect to clients throughout Northern Saskatchewan by videoconference and I think that

whoever the Member of Parliament is could take advantage of that as well. Certainly, over the past two years with COVID19, many people have become comfortable with connecting over the internet and using technology like Zoom.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to reviewing your proposal coming out in the Fall.

Sincerely,

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This submission is being sent 19(1)

19(1) First, we would like to thank the Commission for considering public input, including this submission.

19(1) has been following this process with great interest. We were surprised to see the content of the initial proposal. The proposal states that “any examination of the electoral boundaries should begin with a consideration of the northern electoral district of DMCR”. We would suggest that, given the sweeping and unprecedented changes being suggested to DMCR, the rebuttal of this proposal should also begin with DMCR.

The initial proposal sets out two criteria for the large deviation from the electoral quota – which is, as you correctly identify, the primary guiding principle. Those two criteria are the large landmass (54% of SK) and the cultural makeup of the riding. The commission has suggested that these two criteria meet the extraordinary circumstances to justify not only deviating from the guiding principle of population parity, but in fact, to completely disregard that principle. While we do not feel that these circumstances meet the criteria for extraordinary, we would also question whether either of these issues identified by the commission are successfully addressed by this proposal.

Starting with the size of the riding, reducing the size of the riding from 54% of the province to 50% by removing the easy to travel portion in the south is a negligible change to the overall size and creates more travel problems than it solves.

In the proposal, it is also identified that this current riding is “dominant Indigenous population”. Why then are changes needed to preserve this cultural component? How does removing 11 of the 25 First Nations from the riding improve the cultural makeup? What is the message the commission is sending to those 11 First Nations that would now find themselves in a riding that is not dominant Indigenous? How does splitting the Meadow Lake Tribal Council into two ridings and the Prince Albert Grand Council into three ridings improve Indigenous representation? How does moving the nations of the Agency Chiefs Tribal Council into a riding that’s separate from their forestry partnerships and traditional lands improve cultural and economic relationships for those First Nations? Were these factors part of the decision-making process or simply by-products of a predetermined outcome?

In its current form, the riding of DMCR has been represented by an MP from all three main political parties (Liberal, Conservative and NDP). It is also worth noting that this riding has also been represented by an Indigenous MP in all 3 of those parties, including Indigenous representatives from the far northern part of the riding. Again, this begs the question as to why changes need to be made to improve indigenous representation.

Shockingly, the precedent that the commission chose for these sweeping changes is the maritime riding of Labrador which is separated by an ocean from Newfoundland. This is completely irrelevant to DMCR as there is no ocean, or any other natural barrier, separating the current or the proposed riding of DMCR from the rest of SK.

This riding can be, and has been, won by any political party and any candidate that works the hardest. In viewing the proposed changes, and the justification for them, it is relevant to revisit the words of Mark Carter from this 1999 article "Reconsidering the Charter and Election Boundaries". Mr. Carter writes that "the sole fact that electoral boundaries are established in such a way as to give more weight to some electors' votes establishes a prima facie case of constitutional infringement". He goes on to write that "even when evidence of intention to gerrymander falls short of a balance of probabilities, the fact that partisan benefit would result from a proposed re-drawing of electoral boundaries should have some effect on the permissible variation issue. For example, if a variation from the electoral quotient of +/- 25% is reasonable when countervailing factors are well made out, it is less reasonable when the electoral boundaries being proposed would also result in a windfall for the party in power".

In the context of the current proposal, the countervailing factors are certainly not well made out, and it's quite simple to see the effect that this would have on the potential election outcome for the party in power. The math is quite simple, and the result is as one would assume – the Conservative MP would not have been victorious in either of the last two elections based on a poll-by-poll analysis of the proposed changes. It's also interesting to note that the only people who seem to agree with this proposal are the last two unsuccessful Liberal candidates and their supporters. The similarities between this initial proposal and the suggestions made by the most recent unsuccessful Liberal candidate in an article published just days after the last election are also interesting to note. Whether or not this outcome is the goal of the commission is not something we will speculate on, however the perception is unavoidable.

If the goal of the commission is to create a far-north, sub-arctic, all Indigenous riding, and if the commission is so willing to disregard the principle of population parity, then the question becomes "why stop there?". Why would the city and rural municipality of Meadow Lake be left in DMCR?

I would like to point out the Manitoba proposal for the commission to consider. The northern Manitoba riding of Churchill – Keewatinook Aski (CKA) is a much more relevant precedent than the Labrador example used by the commission. The Manitoba commission self-imposed a +/- 5% population goal on themselves. CKA is much larger than DMCR, covering roughly four-fifths of the province of MB. They start out with a -15.24% population. The commission is proposing to make the riding larger by adding area to the riding to bring the population to within 7% of the average. The cultural makeup of CKA is similar to DMCR and they are proposing to add both

First Nations and 2 rural municipalities and 1 municipality. "The Commission recognized that the large size of CKA electoral district poses challenges to effective representation, related to accessibility, commuting time and community of interest. However, technology has continued to improve, and new technologies allow for better access and communications, including by videoconference. As well, unlike some communities already in the riding, the added communities are accessible by road". This is much more reasonable proposal, and something the SK Commission should pay particular attention to. The MB proposal could also be adopted to SK. Rural Municipalities and First Nations could be added to the southern part of the riding which would allow the riding to become closer to population parity while still maintaining preserving the Indigenous culture of the riding.

Partisan politics should not factor into this decision. However, since those appear to have been blurred, we would suggest that we cannot have a conversation about effective representation without considering the current representative. I would encourage the commission members to spend some time researching the current representative's time spent in Ottawa. The current representative serves as the Official Opposition Critic for Crown Indigenous Relations (and previously as the Critic for Indigenous Affairs). We would encourage the commission to consider the areas the representative spends most of his time working on and what most of his House of Commons interventions and his committee work revolves around. The notion that effective representation can only be provided if the group of people being represented is homogenous in its makeup and is homogenous to the representative is a disservice to a functioning democracy. Diversity is part of what makes Canada the wonderful country that it is. Diversity is part of what makes Saskatchewan the wonderful province that it is. And diversity is part of what makes DMCR the wonderful riding that it is. Diversity should always be celebrated, and never sought to be eliminated.

In closing, it is disappointing that this is the proposal that the commission chose to release. This proposal, as it relates to DMCR, is, at best, unfair to the residents of this riding, if not unconstitutional. We recognize that the task at hand is a difficult one, however, that does not justify a departure from the rules that govern the process. We hope this input will be considered as the commission works towards its final proposal.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Marlene Rodie – Commission Secretary
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Hello Ms. Rodie,

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I'm writing today to express my opposition to the changes the Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission has proposed for the federal district of Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River.

Something that seems to have been overlooked in the commissions initial proposal 19(1)

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The two regional organizations mean there are deep connections between the Regional Municipalities of Meadow Lake, Loon Lake, and Beaver River, as well as the City of Meadow Lake, and Villages of Dorintosh, Goodsoil, Pierceland, Loon Lake, Rapid View, and Makwa.

We all share important infrastructure, work together on regional economic and social issues, and have residents that often own property in two or more of our communities.

I believe that there are two options that the commission must consider before submitting their next proposal.

- 1) That the northwestern communities listed above be added back to Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River.

This would allow for organized advocacy for our Federal Member of Parliament on matters like infrastructure, Canada Summer Jobs, and other federal matters. This would also assist in bringing the population of the riding closer to the electoral quota for Saskatchewan.

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As outlined above, this would keep all communities and Rural Municipalities together in one riding under one Member of Parliament. It would also mean the Northern Riding boundary would be the same as the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District line.

I hope you will consider my concerns shared in this letter. Thank you for your service to Canada's democratic system.

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Regards,

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Good afternoon,

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I am writing today to share some thoughts I have regarding the commissions proposal that was released several weeks ago. I will discuss the partisanship that has been introduced into this process 19(1) how the House of Commons helps MP offices serve large geographic ridings and conclude with a more personal observation about Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River.

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19(1) the House of Commons has modernized many of their services to Members of Parliament and their staff to better serve their constituents – especially those who represent large geographical areas.

Travel budgets now allow for chartered aircraft to visit fly-in communities in the far north and reimburse any driving done throughout the constituency by the MP or their staff. The explosion of social media over the past 20 years has also changed how MPs connect with their constituents. 19(1)

Commons) on Facebook that, on average, get a very high interaction rate. These Ads have been promoting community events, soliciting feedback on specific issues, sharing videos of Gary speaking on local issues in the House of Commons, and highlighting local leaders and businesses.

Additionally, the House of Commons supports our efforts to connect with constituents through Mailchimp (regular newsletters), SurveyMonkey (targeted surveys on wide ranging topics), and a website. ¹⁹⁽¹⁾

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Moving away from the digital, there are many printing and mailing services that the House of Commons provides MPs and their offices as well. MPs can send out addressed or unaddressed mail that is designed by the MP office and then prepared and sent by the House of Commons. ¹⁹⁽¹⁾

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Third, a personal reflection about Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River. I've been lucky to visit the riding several times and travel from the westernmost boundary to the easternmost and as far north as La Ronge in the east and Turnor Lake in the West. It is truly an extraordinary riding.

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These experiences have led me to agree with the commissions acknowledgement that Northern Saskatchewan is unique and exceptional; however, I disagree with the proposed boundary changes the commission has made in response to this conclusion.

Travelling from First Nation, to Rural Municipality, to City, to Metis Community and everywhere in between getting to know individuals, community leaders, and business owners what struck me most is just how interconnected these communities are economically, socially, and municipally. I recognize this isn't the case everywhere in Canada – that's just one way this constituency is exceptional.

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The proposed boundary changes unfortunately break up the Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Prince Albert Grand Council, and Agency Tribal Chiefs into several different ridings. Having them all currently in one riding has allowed for cohesiveness of message and advocacy on many levels and with Ministers responsible for files related to the North and Indigenous issues.

The diversity found in this riding has shown up on the federal political level as well. Federally, it is one of the few ridings across Canada that is truly competitive for the three main parties, having been represented multiple times by the Liberals, NDP, and Conservative Party since its creation.

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I can say confidently that having dynamics like these forces candidates to work harder during the election campaign and the elected MP to work harder to represent their constituents between elections.

The riding is currently over 70% indigenous and it is my belief that the commissions attempt to make it even more homogenous will at a minimum disenfranchise voters and at worse, create divisions between peoples who have for decades grown close as neighbors, friends, and families. The proposed boundary expels over 50% of the First Nation population within the current boundary of Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River.

In summary, I believe that the conduct of previous Liberal Party Candidates has introduced unnecessary partisanship in this process, the services the House of Commons provides allows MPs to effectively serve large geographical areas, and that the current boundaries encourage competitive elections and harder working candidates/MPs.

I hope that you will consider my comments 19(1)

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, I look forward to following along with the next steps in this process.

Electoral Boundary Proposal

In Regard to Proposed Changes to Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River

By:

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July 13th, 2022

Introduction

The following document is a point-by-point breakdown of the commissions initial proposal, their reasoning, and their justifications for the proposed changes, specifically in relation to Northern Saskatchewan. This submission will hopefully help point out the errors made in the proposal and present some viable suggestions for how to properly decide the electoral boundaries affecting Northern Saskatchewan.

I. Proposal foundation

The Saskatchewan commission lays out their reasoning for the proposed changes on page 11, where the proposal says that any examination of the boundaries must start with the riding of Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River. The proposal claims that the geographic size of DMCR may *potentially* justify a substantial deviation from the Electoral Quota. Justification given for shrinking the size of DMCR is to make it easier for the Member of Parliament to traverse.

The second major factor in the commissions proposal is the majority indigenous population in DMCR, stating the following; “The First Nation, Metis, and Dene peoples of this subarctic region share an historically distinct and contemporary northern, land-based way of life, with their own history, culture, spiritual and social values, languages, and economies”.

Thirdly, the commission points to three other ridings across the country where precedent has been set for significantly deviating from the Electoral Quota. These are Abitibi-Baie James-Nunavik-Eeyou (Northern Quebec), Kenora (Northern Ontario), and Labrador. Of these three, the commission focuses on Labrador as their primary example. The proposal states these three examples as justification for varying from the Quota by -43.27%.

II. Size issue

Firstly in regards to the supposed size issue. As it currently exists, DMCR covers approximately 54% of Saskatchewan. The riding is bordered on three sides by the provincial boarder, and the southern boundary line roughly follows the southern edge of the Boreal Forrest. The Proposal claims this is too large, as it requires the sitting MP to travel a large area with few roads. The proposed solution? To remove a whopping 4% of the province from the riding! Now it would just be 50%, which is so much easier to travel, right? Except the 4% being removed from DMCR contains almost all of the roads. If you want to drive from La-Loche to Flin-Flon you still have to drive down through all the areas that would be cut out. An example would be trying to travel from Meadow to La Ronge? One would still have to drive through Big River, Debden, Canwood, and Christopher Lake. Removing the roads from the riding does not help the travel situation. It does not suddenly make the flight from La-Ronge to Uranium City any quicker. If travel time does not get quicker/easier by removing 4% of the riding, then why do that in the first place? Removing that 4% has no significant impact on the overall size of the riding, but it does make it a lot harder to travel within the riding, and that alone should ultimately be enough to strike down this proposal. The goal of shrinking DMCR is to make it easier to travel, but the Proposal makes it harder (and in some cases impossible) to travel while staying within the riding, whilst at the same time failing to make the geographic size smaller in any significant way.

III. Cultural differences

The next reason for the huge variance from the population Quota is the supposed “cultural and linguistic mix” of the region, implying that the new DMCR boundary would better represent the culture and languages of northern peoples.

Firstly, the Proposal has already recognized that the current DMCR riding already has a majority Indigenous population. According to Statistics Canada, around 50,000 people of the 70,000 in DMCR are indigenous. This new proposal would remove around 13,000+ Indigenous people from DMCR. Splitting the Meadow Lake Tribal Council into two ridings and the Prince Albert Grand Council into three. If the Proposal seeks to create a riding that is more considerate of cultural differences, then it is illogical that the proposal would split peoples of the same culture apart. If the Proposal seeks to deviate by -43.72% from the population quota for the purposes of having a northern riding that better reflects the culture of the north, than the Proposal must also explain what differences exist in the areas they are removing from DMCR that would exclude them from this so-called “distinct culture”. Unfortunately, the Proposal has failed utterly to do that. No differences are listed, because there are not any significant ones. There simply is no reason to explain why Makwa Sahgaiehcan is not “northern” but Flying Dust is. You will find no language difference between Waterhen and Joseph Big Head, that would justify taking one out and not the other. If the Proposal seeks to exclude many northern communities from DMCR on the basis of cultural differences, then the least the Proposal could do is point out a single difference. Ahtahkakoop speaks Cree just like Canoe Lake, Loon Lake speaks Cree just like La Ronge.

Secondly, to put more of a point on it, the Proposal will have to provide reasoning for why a few streets in west Flin-Flon are so culturally distinct from East Flin-Flon that their vote should be worth 2-3 times as much. Here is another example; A town, so close to a reserve you don't know where one stops and the other starts, right beside a provincial park, and where you can walk from the town office to the band office to million-dollar lake-front resort mansions all within 5 minutes. That description perfectly fits both La-Ronge and Loon Lake. Yet one of them

has been deemed too culturally different from the other, and has thus been jettisoned from DMCR, (along with voting equality and judicial integrity), left to spend the next ten years in a riding dominated by two distant cities, with completely different economies and cultures than its own.

There are more examples. The small village of Makwa will be out of DMCR, even though everyone in town works in Meadow Lake, gets their groceries there, plays hockey there. But no, Meadow Lake is culturally different. What about Green Lake and Big River? How are they different? The Proposal does not provide any examples of the supposed cultural differences it bases the new boundary on.

Finally, one cannot discuss the “cultural differences” justification without talking about Meadow Lake. After the Proposal suggested its goal was to make DMCR smaller, and after it suggested that DMCR should better reflect northern culture, even if doing these things would deviate from the electoral quota by massive margins, the proposal put forward a map that follows the Northern Saskatchewan Administrative District line, except to go down and around the RM of Meadow Lake. That is the biggest mistake made in the entirety of this ludicrous proposal. If any single place in all of DMCR isn’t northern enough, it would be Meadow Lake. Within about a 40-minute drive of the city, there are 10,000 people. The highest population density anywhere in Northern Saskatchewan. You will not find that many people around La-Ronge, nor around La-Loche, or anywhere else in all of DMCR.

IV. Other examples

Labrador, Kenora, and Nunavik are all listed as other ridings in the country that significantly deviate from the population quota. In the proposal, Labrador is the example the

Proposal chose to focus on, citing it as precedence that could be used in Saskatchewan. This example does not mention that Labrador has been its own riding since the province joined confederation in 1949, and that as the population of Newfoundland continued to outpace the growth of Labrador, the decision was made to keep Labrador as its own riding, and not add to it land from the island of Newfoundland. It is important to note that the same justifications cannot be used in Saskatchewan, as no ocean separates this province. Labrador is a poor example when looking to justify the proposed changes to Saskatchewan, but so is Kenora. That riding is part of a collection of 10 ridings that make up 80% of Ontarios landmass. It is the only one with a lower population than the quota by a significant amount, in order to bring the other nine large ridings up to the population quota. No such problem exists in Saskatchewan, but this proposal would create the opposite effect as Kenora. It would throw 13 other ridings in the province out of balance, rather than bring them closer to that electoral quota. As for Abitibi-Baie James–Nunavik–Eeyou, that riding deviated by only -15%, and it covers an area of land almost 30% larger than the entire province of Saskatchewan. If the commission is worried about the size of DMCR being too large, it should not use Nunavik as an example. If anything, it's an example of why the size of DMCR should increase to get closer to the electoral quota.

Northern Manitoba and Northern Alberta are also places that exist, although it is interesting that the Proposal did not use these regions as examples, despite them literally bordering DMCR. Northern Manitoba is much larger than DMCR, and their commission increased the size of the riding to make sure it stays close to the electoral quota. On the west side, the riding of Fort McMurray–Cold Lake. This riding has part of lake Athabasca, Fort McMurray itself only being a short drive away from La-Loche. Cold Lake is so close to Pierceland and Goodsoil, that these communities do much of their shopping there. It is absurd

that the proposal would argue that Northern Saskatchewan is so culturally distinct from these areas so as to justify a huge deviation from the Quota, when other commissions do not.

Creighton & Denare Beach operate on Manitoba time because of how connected to Flin-Flon they are. It is foolish of this proposal to suggest that the communities on one half of Lake Athabasca are so different from the communities on the other half that their vote should be worth three times as much.

V. Partisan Games.

One final observation to make is that the proposal seems awfully similar to what former election candidates have been asking for since they lost. They argued that the only reason they lost is because of the inclusion of the southern portions of DMCR in the riding, and that they would have won if they were not included, therefore many areas of DMCR should be removed, and all areas dominated by their opponents. They are partially correct in this, they would have, in fact, won the riding if all of the people who did not vote for them were not in the riding. That same logic can be applied to any party, anywhere. It is disgraceful that the proposal would even entertain the idea of listening to a few failed partisan politicians who are seeking to change the boundaries to their benefit, population quota, economic, ethnic and cultural ties be damned. The only people who spoke up at the commission hearings in La-Ronge and Meadow Lake who supported the proposal were past failed candidates who would benefit politically from the proposal. They want the riding boundaries to be changed to be preferable to them and their party, and this proposal *seems* to have blindly followed their recommendations, either out of ignorance of the cultural, economic and geographic ties uniting DMCR, or intentionally ignoring these factors in order to rig the elections in favor of a political party.

VI. Solutions to problems that do not exist.

So, with all that said, here are some suggestions to fix the supposed issues at hand. If the primary concern of the commission is the geographic size of DMCR, then the solution to that would be splitting it down the middle like the province does, and extending the southern border down to the North Saskatchewan river and North Battleford on the west half, and down to Prince Albert on the East half. This would bring both sides fairly close to the quota, whilst also respecting economic ties each side has to the major cities of North Battleford and Prince albert, respectively. Two northern ridings equal to roughly 30% of the province each, while a drastic change from the status quo, could have many benefits. Two MPs representing the north is better than one. The major downside to this plan is it would require a more drastic reworking of the provinces central ridings, as the current Prince Albert riding would see drastic changes, and the proposed Kindersley-Rosetown riding would have to be altered significantly in order to keep the Lloyd-Battleford riding near quota levels. This would be the best outcome for the north in terms of representation, but would shake things up in the central ridings considerably.

If Population is the primary concern, extending the current boarders of DMCR down on the west side to pick up Paradise hill, Turtleford, Mervin, and other communities and RMs north of the Saskatchewan River would be the easiest and most logical solution to bring DMCR closer to the population Quota. Again, the issue here is the proposed Kindersly-Rosetown riding, however the proposal acknowledges that any redistribution must start with the north, and most of the solutions to the perceived issues of DMCR require significant changes to the current Lloyd-Battlefords and Prince Albert ridings, which would naturally have a trickle-down effect.

If Economic concerns are the top priority, spitting DMCR into east west is also the most sensible solution, as Prince Albert is the economic hub for La-Ronge, Cumberland House,

Christopher Lake, Creighton, and all the east side communities of DMCR, whereas Meadow-Lake and Battleford serve the western portions, like La-Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Loon Lake, and Big-river.

If Cultural concerns are the primary issue, then keep DMCR with the same boundaries it currently has, roughly following the border of the Boreal Forrest, which encompasses many diverse groups of people who all share the common lifestyle that comes with forest life, like hunting, fishing, logging, and summer tourism.

If the commission wants a healthy balance of culture, geography, economy, and population, then the best possible option available is to *keep things the same*. DMCR includes communities many hours apart, but they all share plenty of similarities that are not present in more southern communities. The current DMCR is already -10% off quota to account for these differences. This deviation is acceptable given the differences that areas north of the current DMCR southern boundary line have many differences from the south. logging, mining, hunting, fishing, tourism, wildlife preservations, culture, etc.

Conclusion.

To suggest that DMCR needs significant changes and should deviate from the electoral quota by upwards of -50% is not only going against the past commissions' judgement, but also against the commissions of Manitoba, Alberta, and all the other provinces where such drastic deviations are not made for such ridiculous reasons, or lack thereof. The proposal has put forth has no legitimate reason for the huge changes it is suggesting, and flies in the face of reason, ignoring all the factors that currently unify DMCR in favor of a riding that suits the interests of a few failed politicians and them alone.

I sincerely hope that this commission will rework the proposal in a way that better reflects the interests of the communities and peoples of northern Saskatchewan, and not the partisan interests of a few rejected politicians.

Sincerely, A concerned resident of Makwa, SK.

Presentation to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan

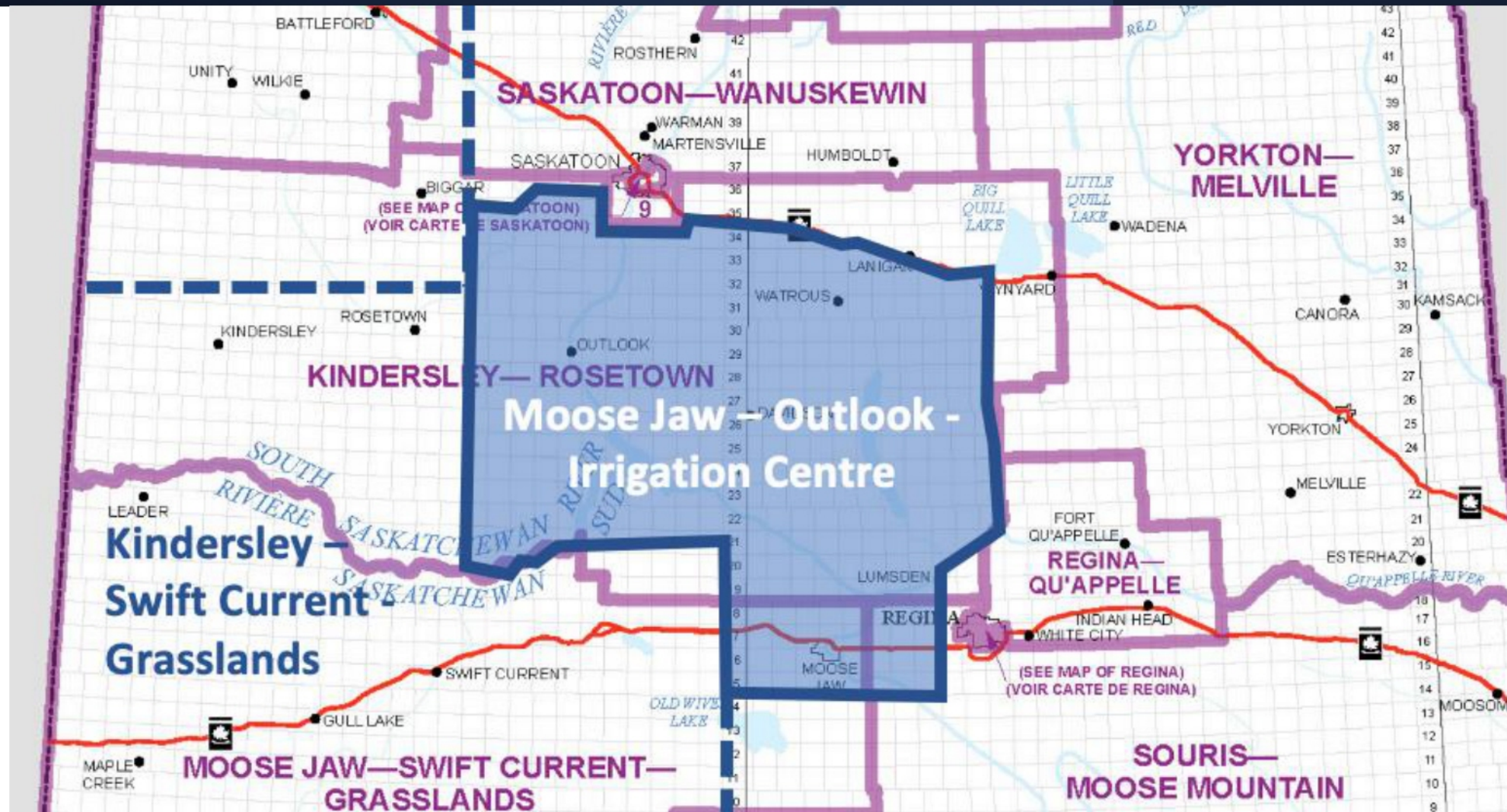
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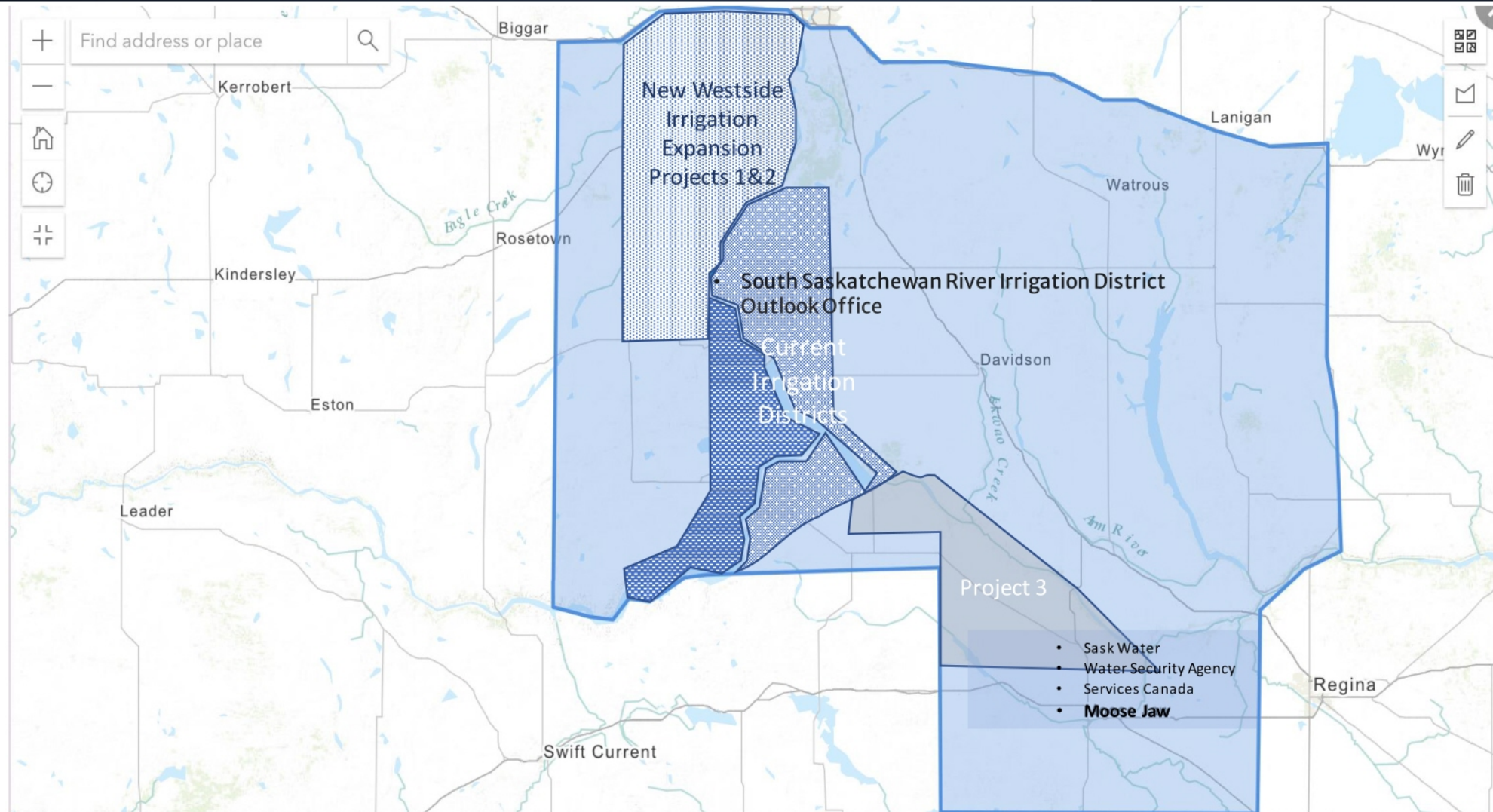
Reasons why I am against the changes to Kindersley - Rosetown as proposed

- Outlook has been the subject of several redistribution changes
- Outlook has been on the fringe and not part of an economic focus
- Kindersley isn't big enough to justify hosting its own federal riding
- Kindersley doesn't have Service Canada or other Federal Government services
- With a few smaller centres, the proposed riding of Kindersley-Rosetown would mean poorer Federal services representation -
 - Kindersley 4,597 Rosetown 2,451
 - Outlook 2,279 Biggar 2,161
 - Watrous 1,865 Davidson 1,025
- Moose Jaw has key government agency offices –
 - Sask Water
 - Water Security Agency
 - Services Canada
- Outlook and the Rural Irrigation economy needs the support of the government services offered in Moose Jaw
- We need an Electoral District focused on the area's economic activities and opportunities

New Electoral District Boundaries to Consider Moose Jaw – Outlook - Irrigation Centre

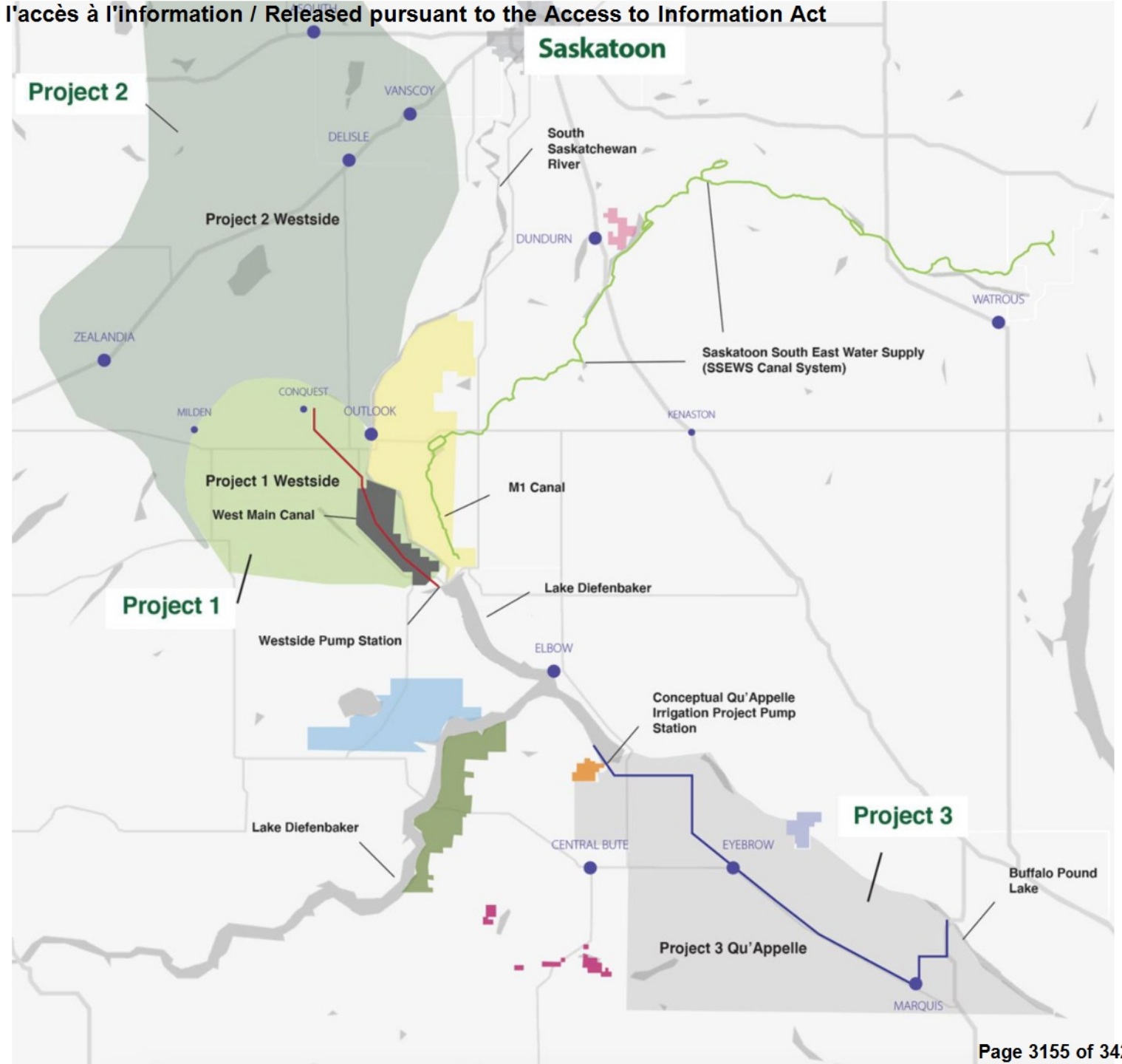


New Electoral District Proposal to Consider Moose Jaw – Outlook - Irrigation Centre



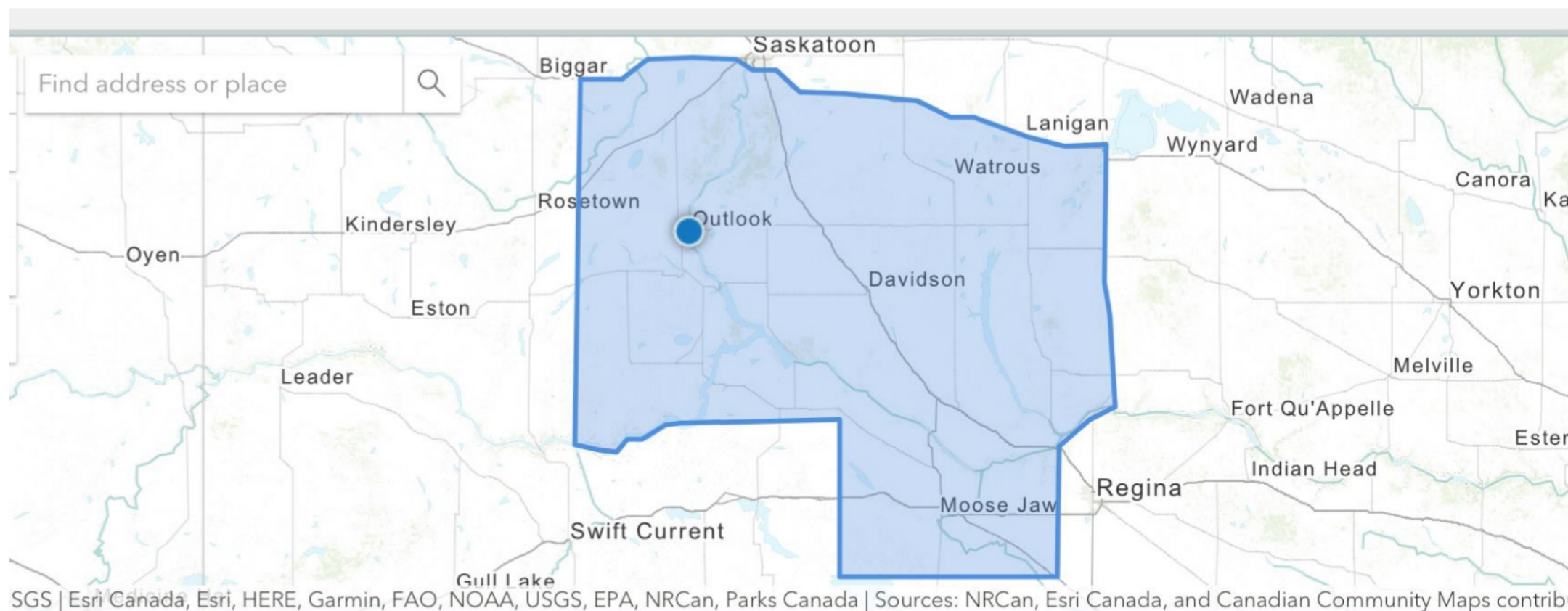
A more detailed overview of Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Projects

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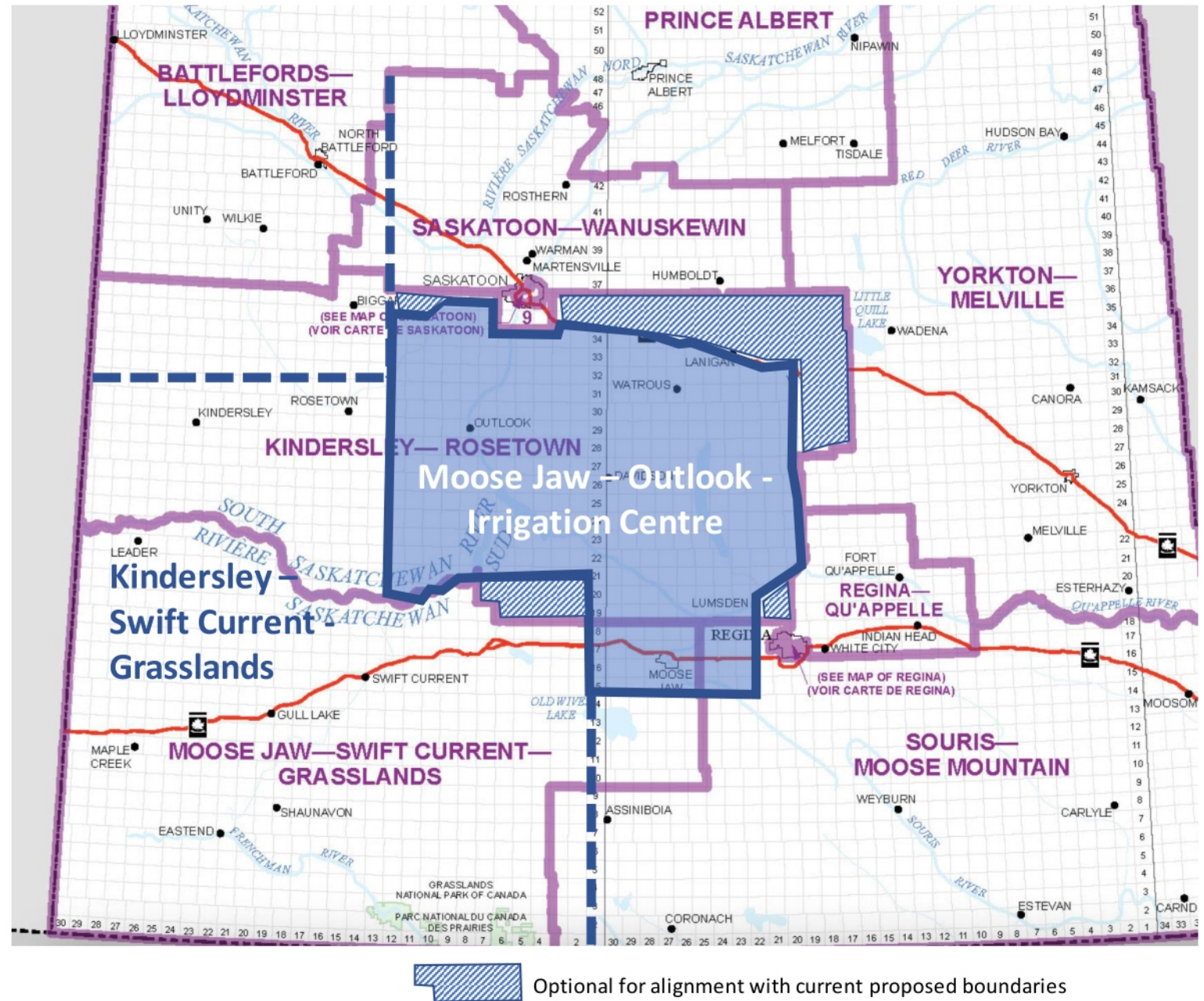
Moose Jaw – Outlook - Irrigation Centre



Perimeter: 859.67 Kilometers Area: 37,265.57 Sq Kilometers

*I respectfully ask you
to consider creating
an Electoral District
focused on the future
of Irrigation and
Water Security*

**Vital to Canada
and Saskatchewan**



Federal Boundary Commission Submission

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Request

That the portion of the Souris Moose Mountain proposed constituency bounded on the south by the TransCanada Highway, on the west by the boundary of the Rural Municipality of Pense, on the north by the northern boundaries of the RM of Pense and the RM Sherwood, and on the east by the boundary of the city of Regina, be split along the boundary of the Cottonwood Creek which flows from south to north through the area, and that the eastern portion of that bifurcation be attached to the constituency of Regina Lewvan, and that the western portion of the bifurcation be attached to the constituency of Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Grasslands.

Discussion

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission this morning. I realize that you have many requests and I will try to be as brief as possible.

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19(1) The number of variables that you must consider is large, and I realize that there are compromises that must be made between and amongst them. Very high in your decision-making I suspect is the matter of the urban and rural components of any constituency. As you're no doubt aware several innovative approaches to dealing with this matter have been used in the past, including nearly 50% hybrid constituencies involving the two major cities of the province.

I see that you're dealing with this problem again and that you have made an innovative attempt to construct a central constituency in Saskatoon. I assume that you're attempting to deal with the matter of income and other variables that characterize most major cities. I commend you for that effort.

As you might expect, my submission deals with a request for a small adjustment to the current proposal for the Souris Moose Mountain constituency. As I mentioned above, given the size of rural constituencies, finding communities of interest and linkages between small towns and rural areas must be high on the list when constructing a constituency boundary. This is especially true when a constituency abuts a major urban area, such as Regina.

As constructed, most of the rural constituencies in Saskatchewan are very large and therefore the linkages will be diminished and perhaps nonexistent in some cases. I note that the committee has opted to use natural boundaries for constituencies wherever possible. In particular you have used two major rivers, the South Saskatchewan River, and the Qu'Appelle River. I commend you for that. Waterways are natural boundaries that tend to focus residents to one side or the other of the river. In the case of the Souris Moose Mountain constituency, you have used these rivers as

northern boundaries for two large southern constituencies, Souris Moose Mountain and Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Grasslands. With regard to the Souris Moose Mountain constituency there is a small section in the middle where no river boundary is available. In that area you have tended to use RM boundaries. I would like to suggest an alternative.

For most of us in southern Saskatchewan, the TransCanada Highway constitutes both a psychological and social boundary. Social and economic relations tend to flow East and West on the bifurcated basis north and south of the highway. In the case of the area around Regina those flows tend to congregate toward the city, and further west, toward the city of Moose Jaw. I would suggest that this constitutes as natural a boundary as a river.

However, in the case of the present proposal for the Souris Moose Mountain constituency a small portion of the constituency reaches to the west and north of Regina. This leaves that small portion without the natural flow mentioned above. The residents in this area, bounded by the city of Regina on the east side, and the northern and western boundaries of the RM of Pense, have virtually nothing in common with the rest of the constituency. I would be willing to expand on this matter if required.

After considering this, I would suggest that there are three alternatives that would solve the problem.

Solution number one would be to take that small portion and attach it to the Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Grasslands constituency. The difficulty with this solution is that the easterly portion of the area is tightly socially and economically linked to Regina.

The second solution would be to attach the area to the Kindersley Rose Town Constituency. Once again, this would ignore the attachments to both Moose Jaw and Regina.

The third solution would be to split this small part along the lines of the Cottonwood Creek, which runs South to North approximately 18 km west of Regina, putting the westerly portion in the Swift Current, Grasslands constituency and the smaller easterly portion into the city constituency of Regina Lewvan. This would certainly solve the problem of shared interests.

However, it would mean that a small portion of the rural area to the west of Regina would be attached to a city constituency. I realize that the committee is probably trying to maintain the integrity of the city constituencies, but I would point out that your proposal already takes in a small portion of the rural area since the city boundary itself extends out into the rural neighborhood. Since the residents of the area from the Cottonwood Creek East tend to belong to a community of interest that identifies with the city of Regina this would not constitute a large departure from what is already in place.

Finally, I also realize that you are juggling some population requirements but I think that the numbers here, at least as I see them, do not constitute a major shift of population.

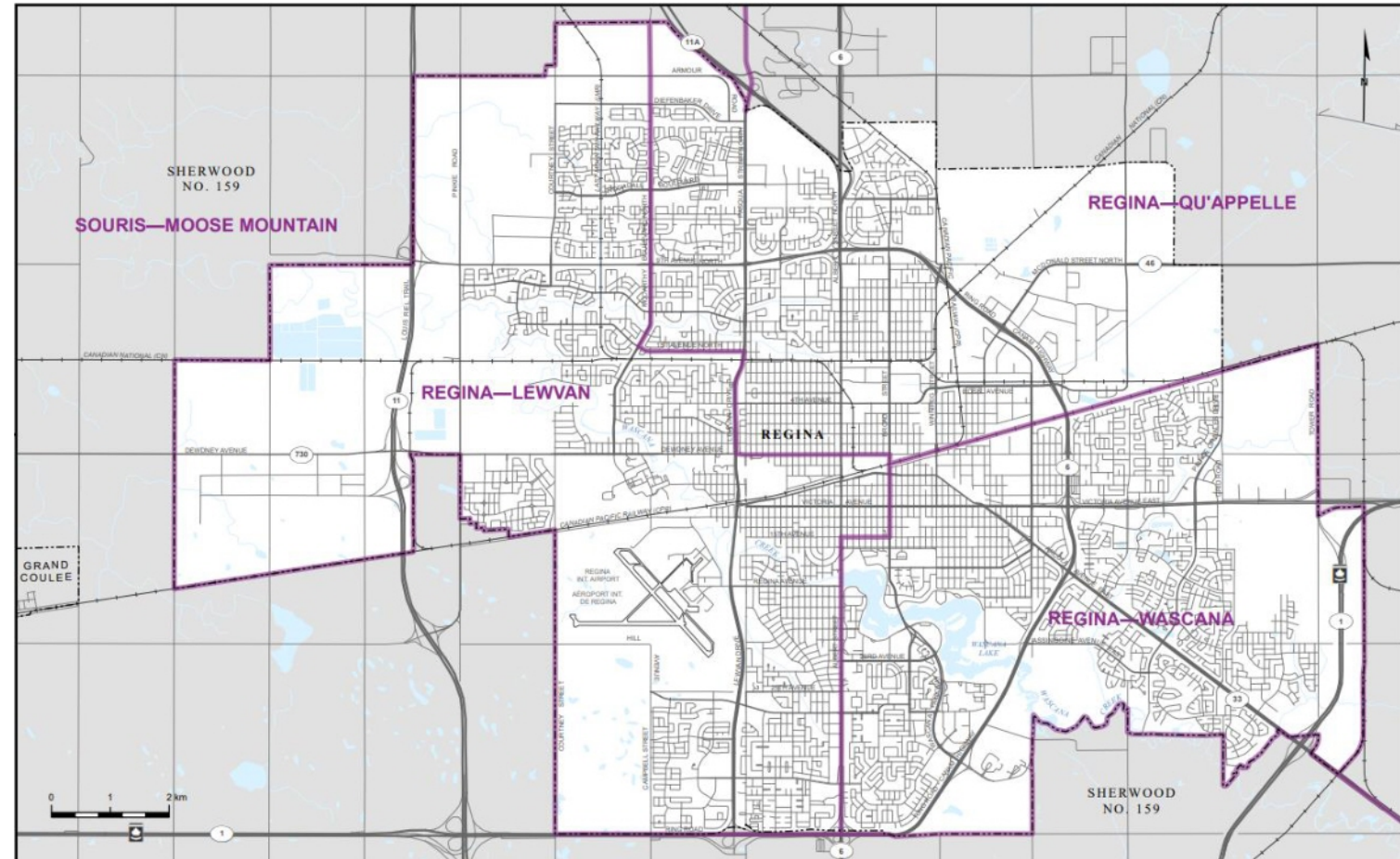
Thank you very much for the opportunity to make this presentation. I sincerely hope that you will consider this change. If you have any questions, I will try to answer them.

Proposed Modifications to Federal Ridings in Regina

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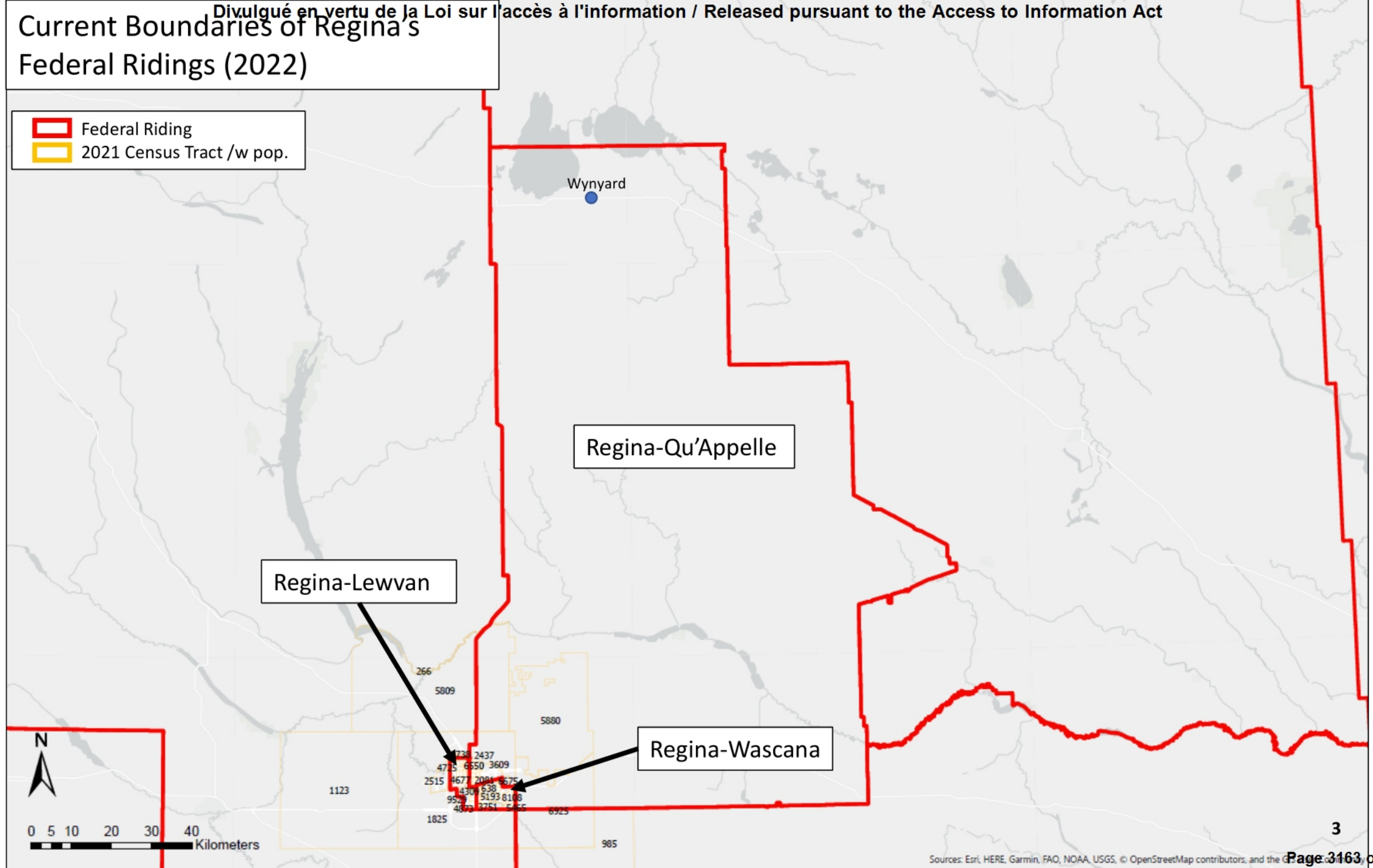
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- Problems with Current Ridings
- Overview of proposed federal ridings
- Alternatives to Proposed Federal Ridings





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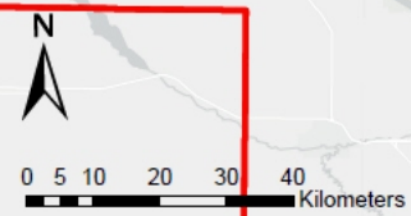
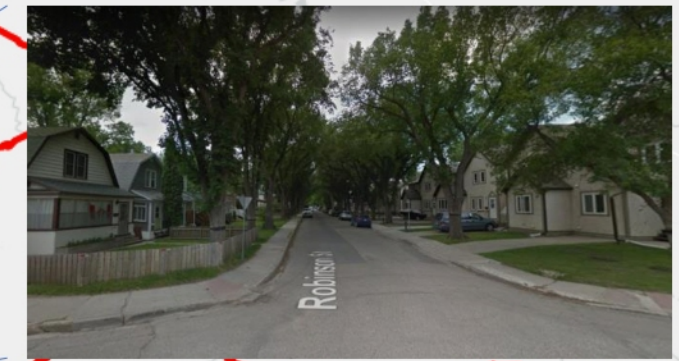
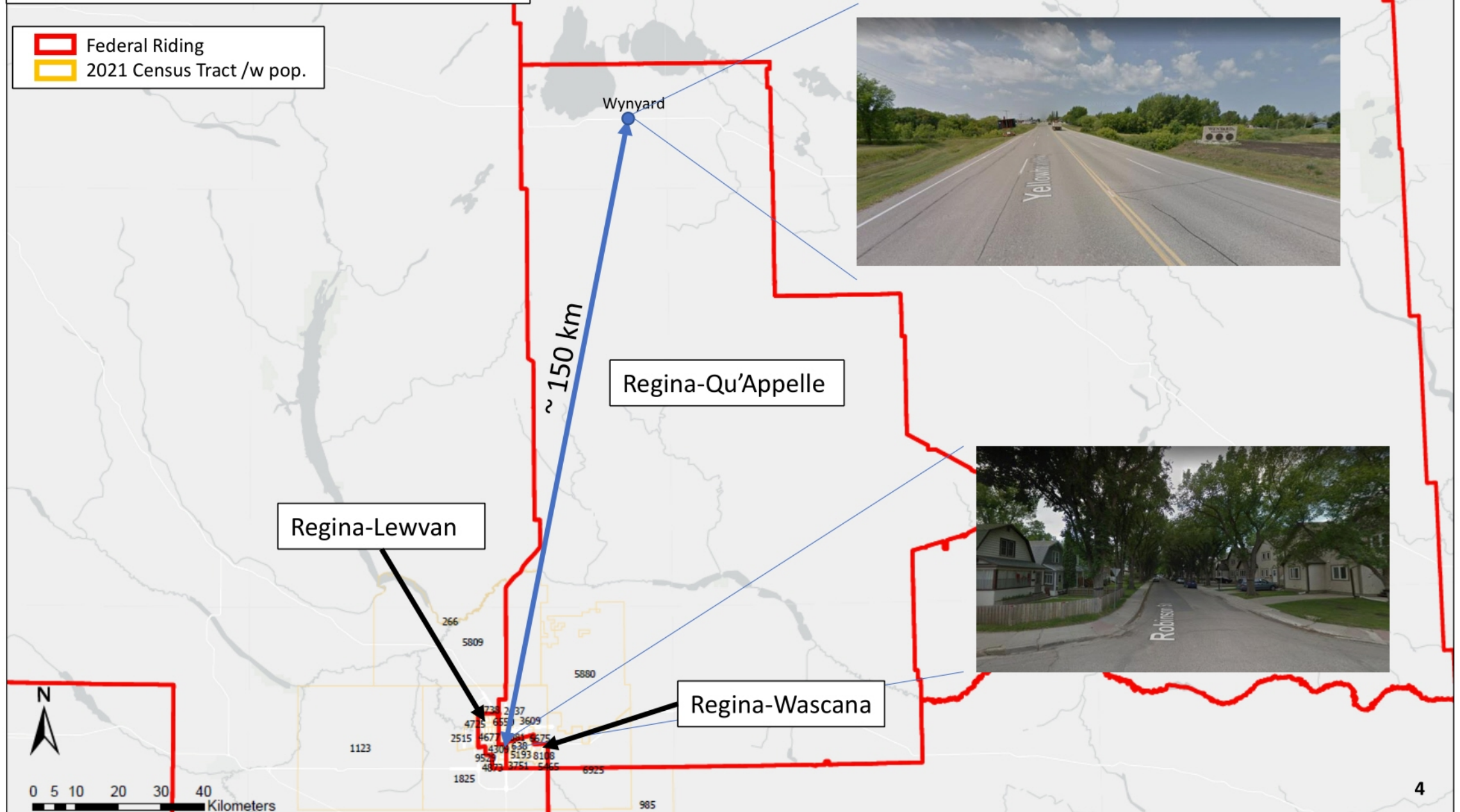
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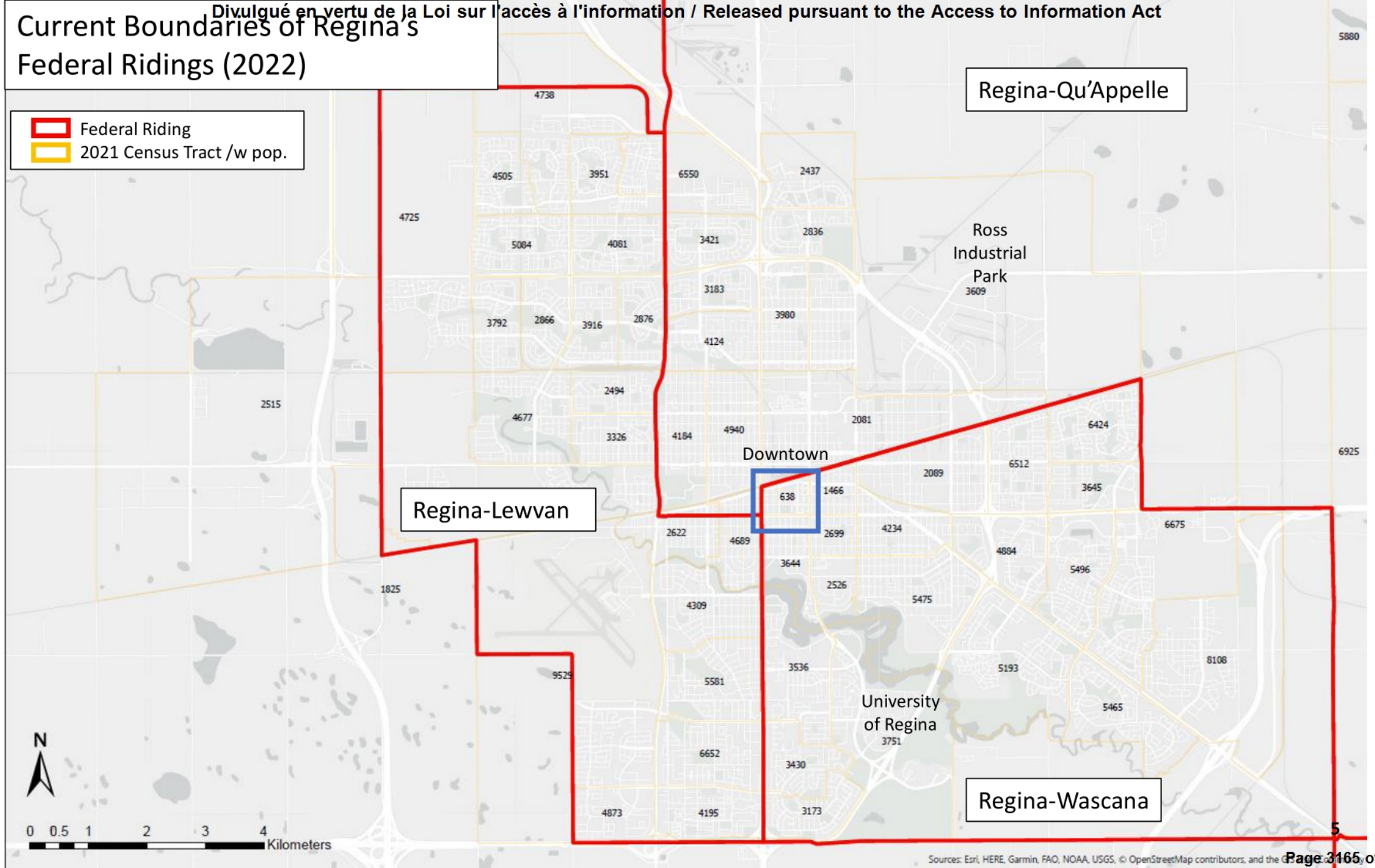
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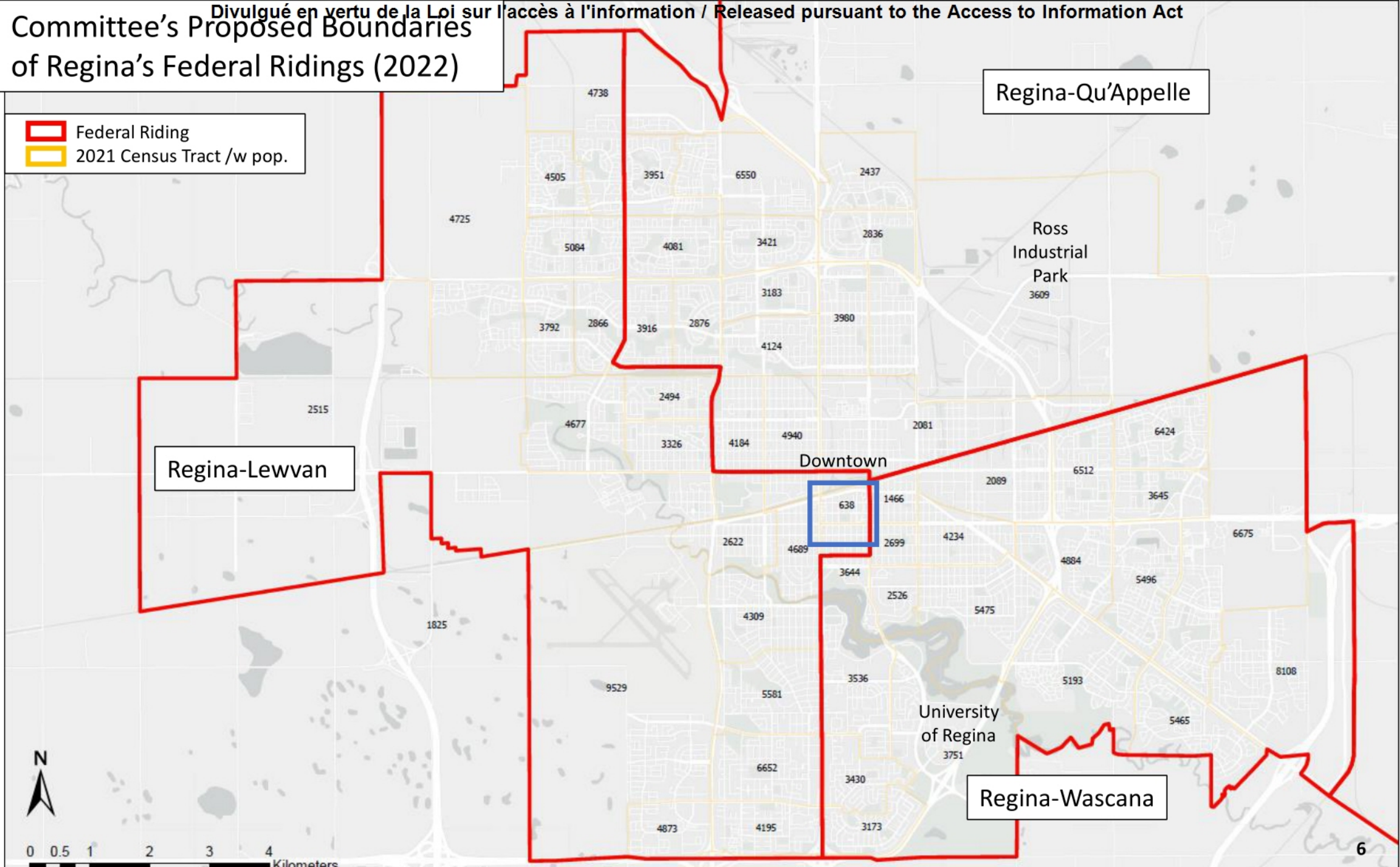
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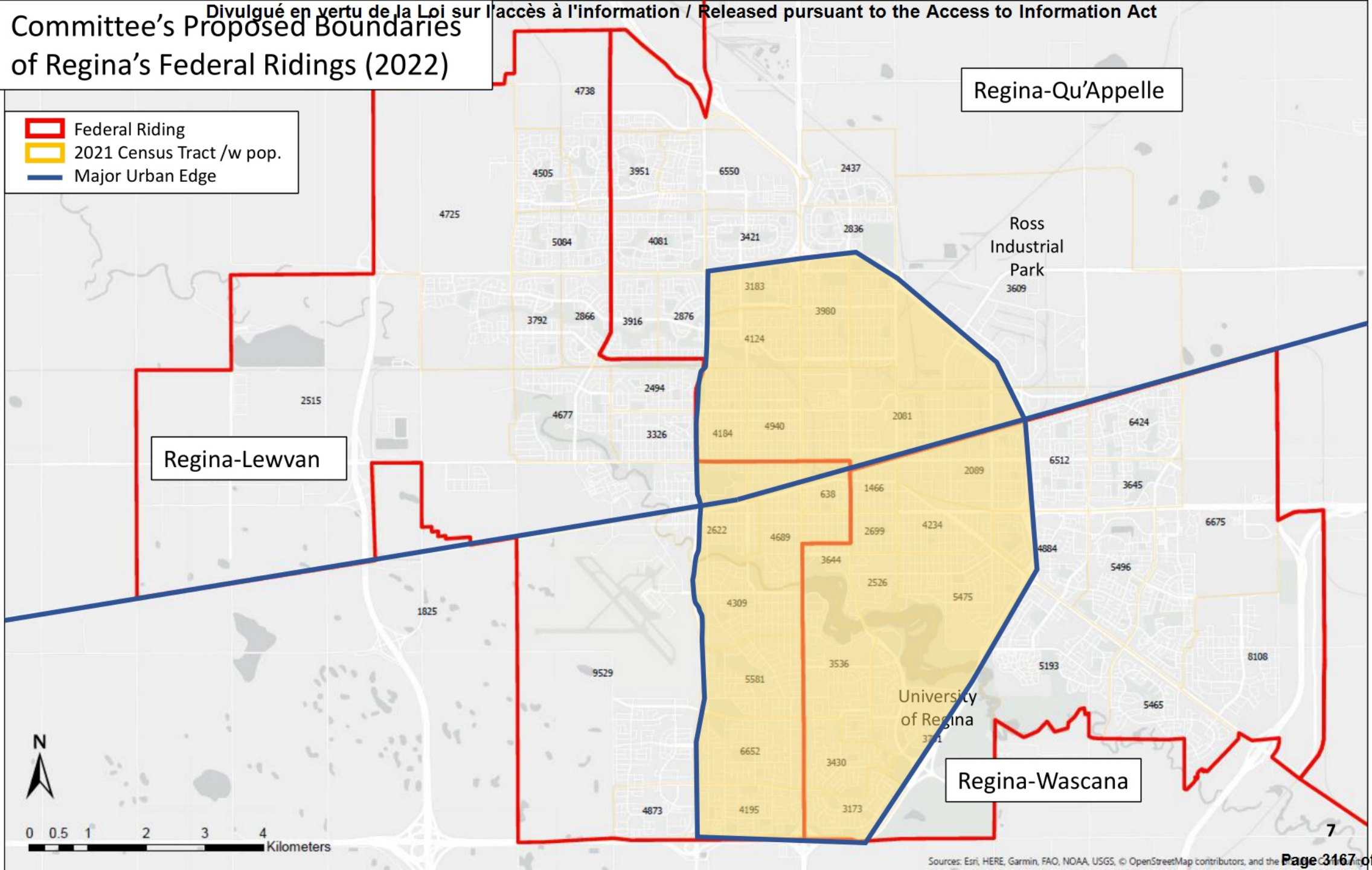
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Committee's Proposed Boundaries of Regina's Federal Ridings (2022)

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- 2021 Census Tract /w pop.
- Major Urban Edge



Federal Proposed Boundaries & Median Household Income by Census Tract (2016)

Regina-Qu'Appelle

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-  2021 Census Tract /w pop.
-  Major Urban Edge

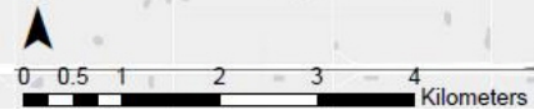
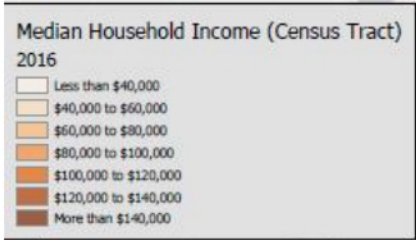
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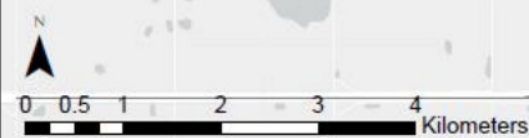
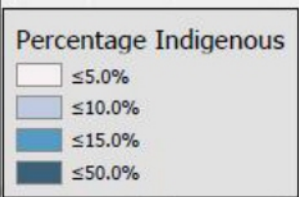
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- 2021 Census Tract /w pop.
- Major Urban Edge







Regina-Lewvan

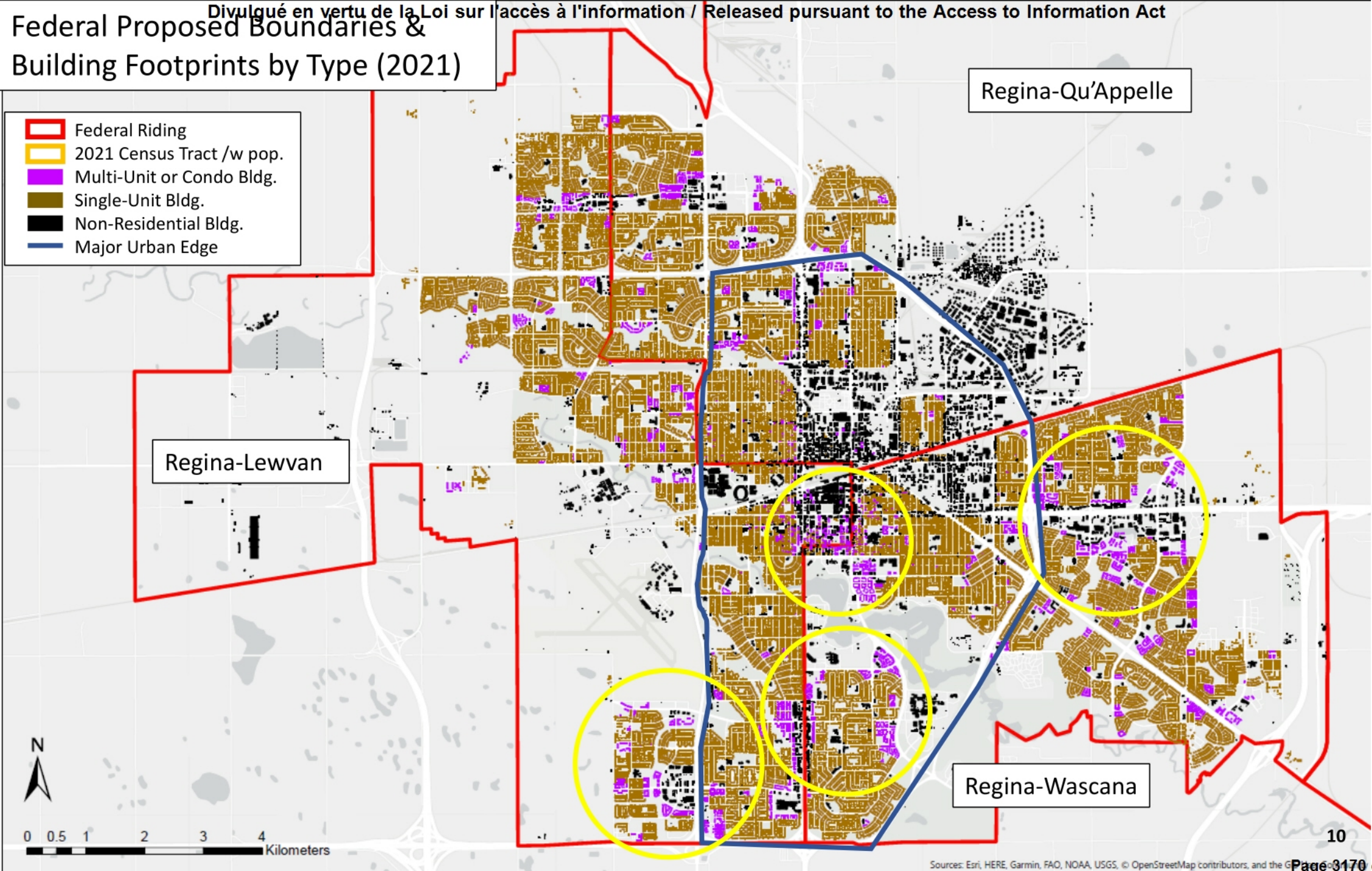
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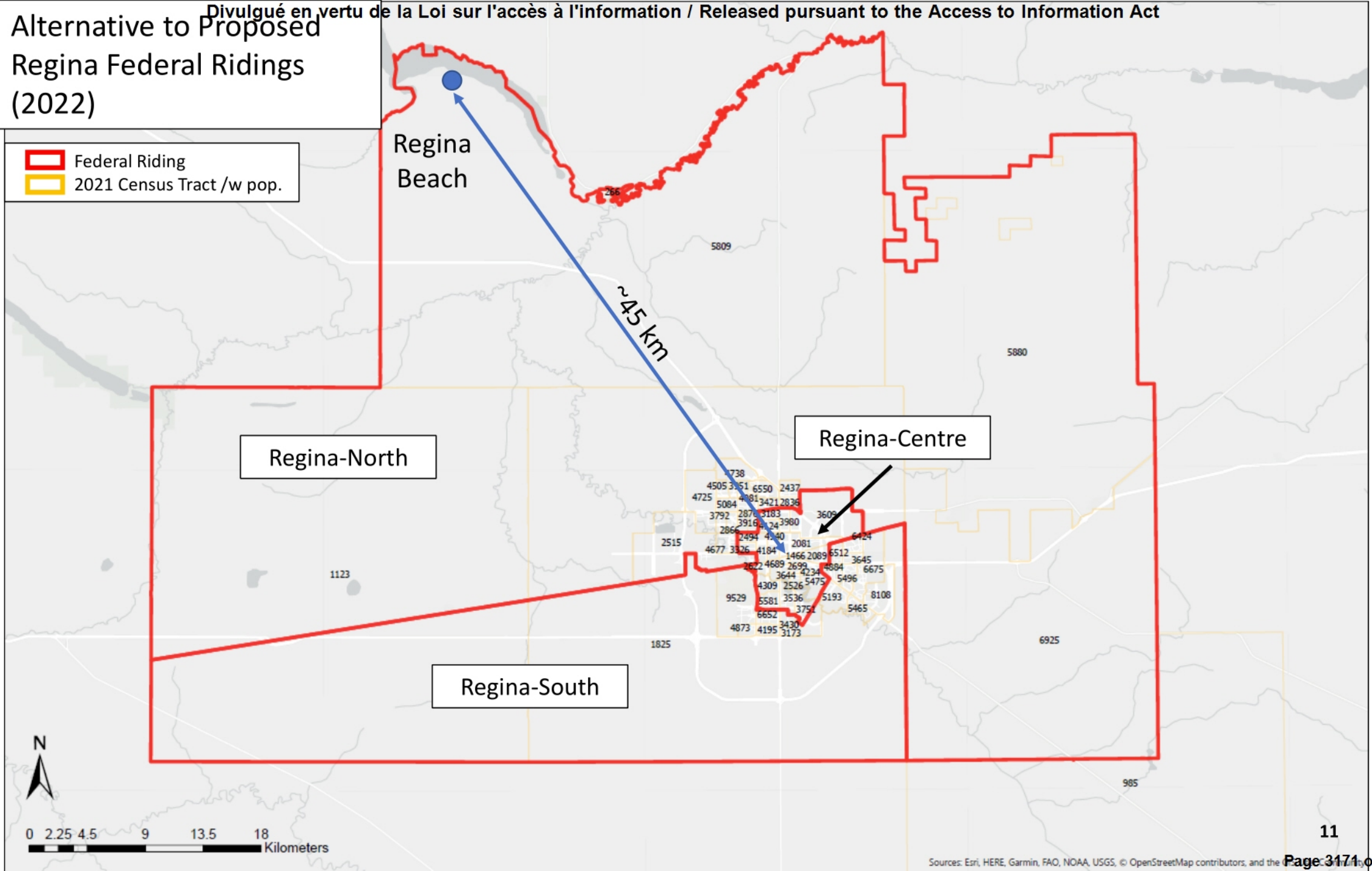
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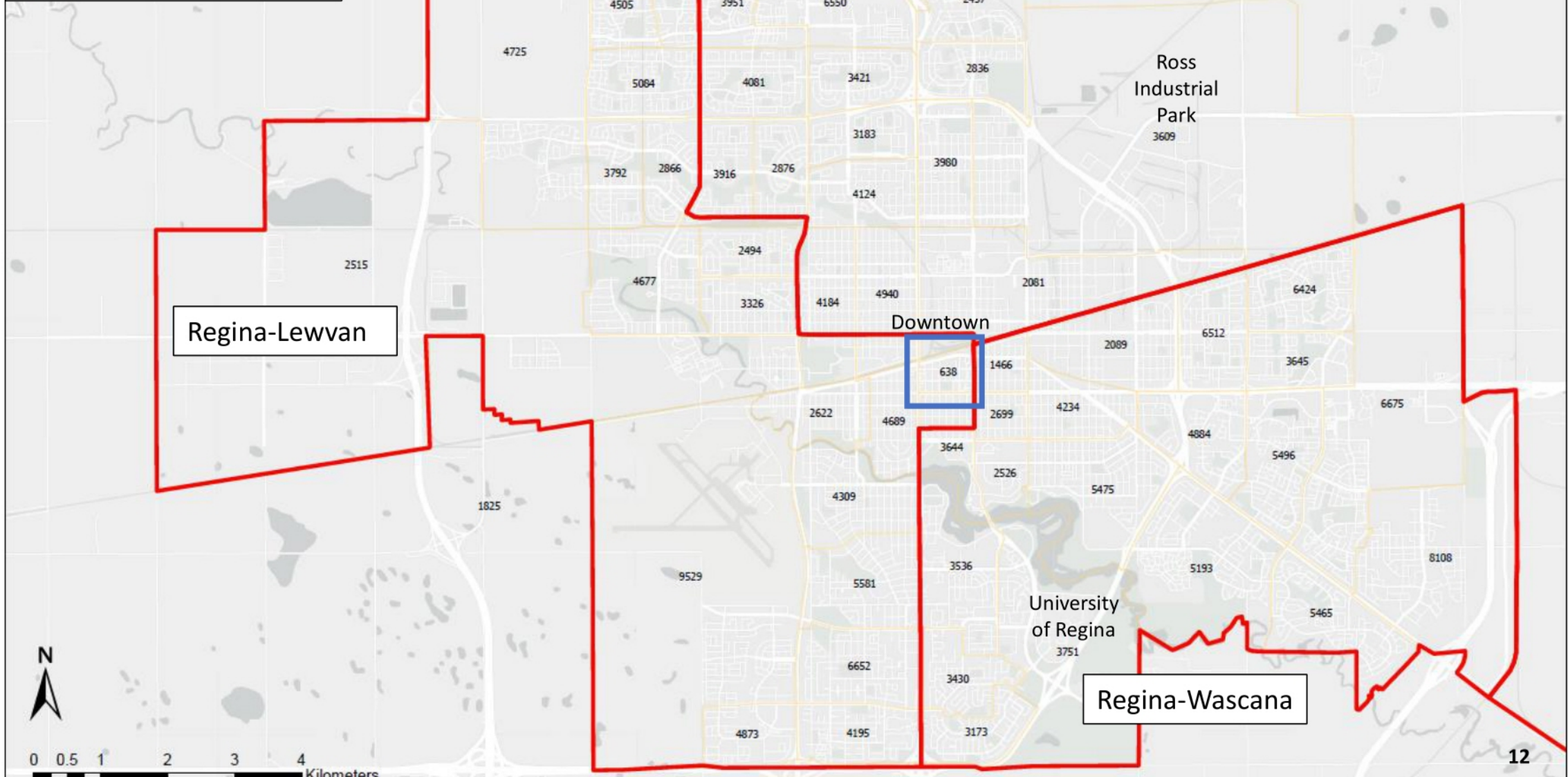
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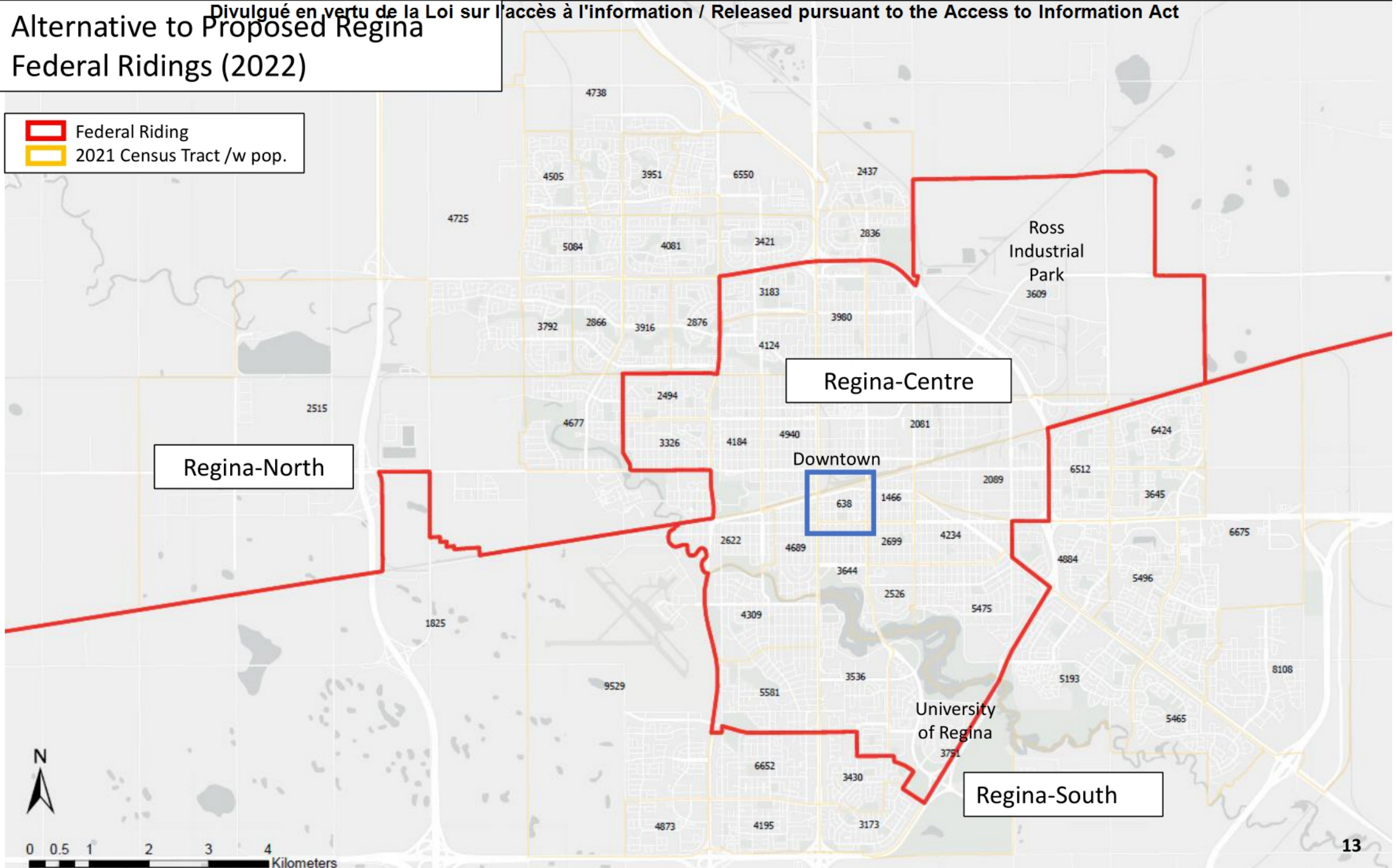
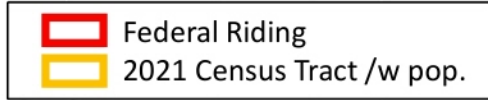


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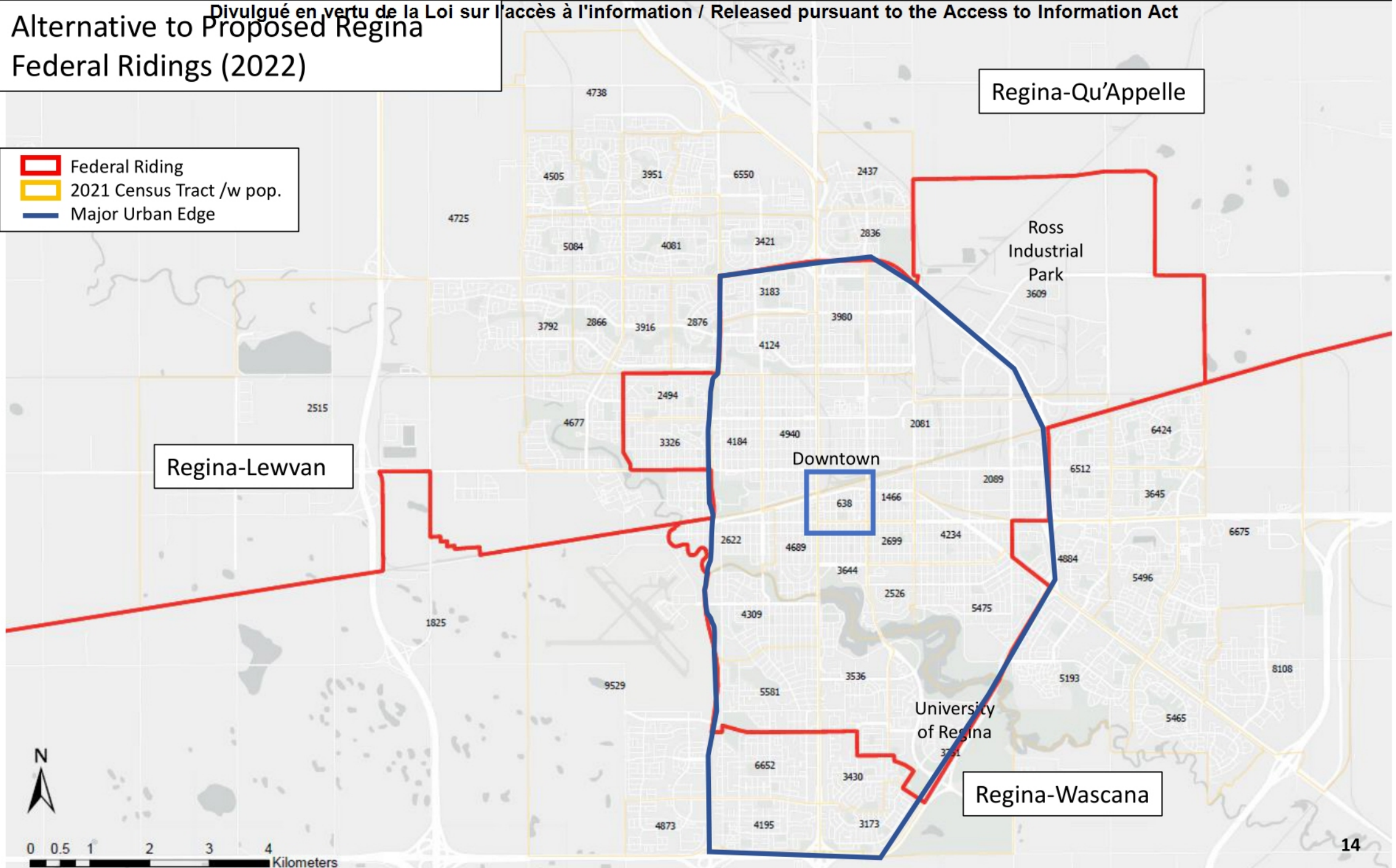


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Alternative to Proposed Regina Federal Ridings (2022)

- Federal Riding
- 2021 Census Tract /w pop.
- Major Urban Edge



Alternative to Proposed Regina Federal Ridings & Median Household Income (2016)

 Federal Riding
 2021 Census Tract /w pop.

Regina-North
Approx. 83,000 ppl

Regina-Centre
Approx. 79,000 ppl

Ross
Industrial
Park

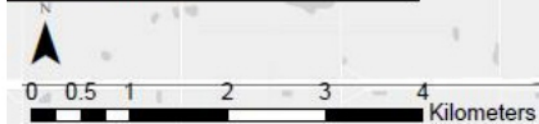
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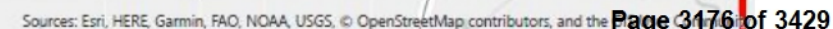
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Regina-South
Approx. 84,000 ppl

Median Household Income (Census Tract)
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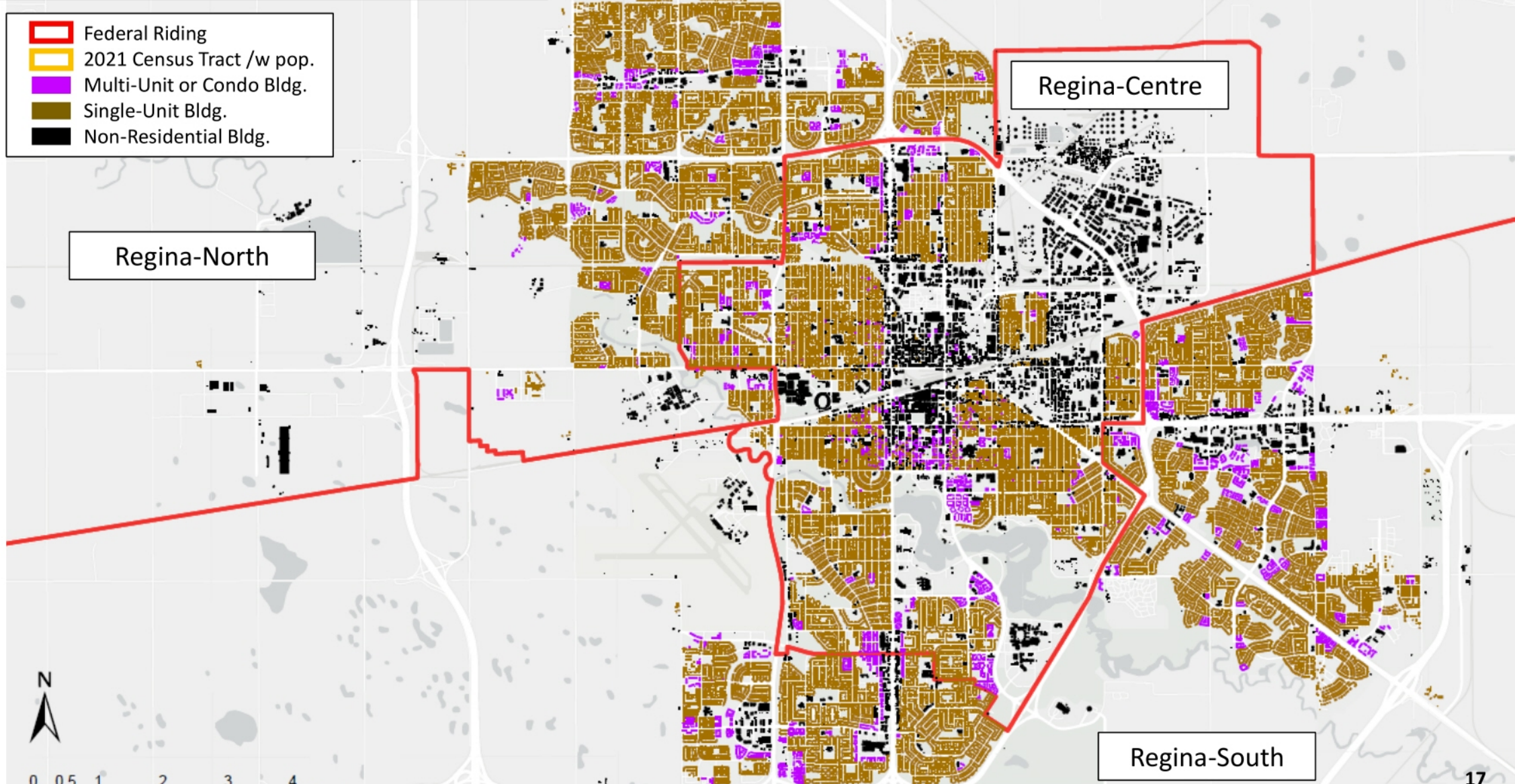
- Less than \$40,000
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- \$100,000 to \$120,000
- \$120,000 to \$140,000
- More than \$140,000





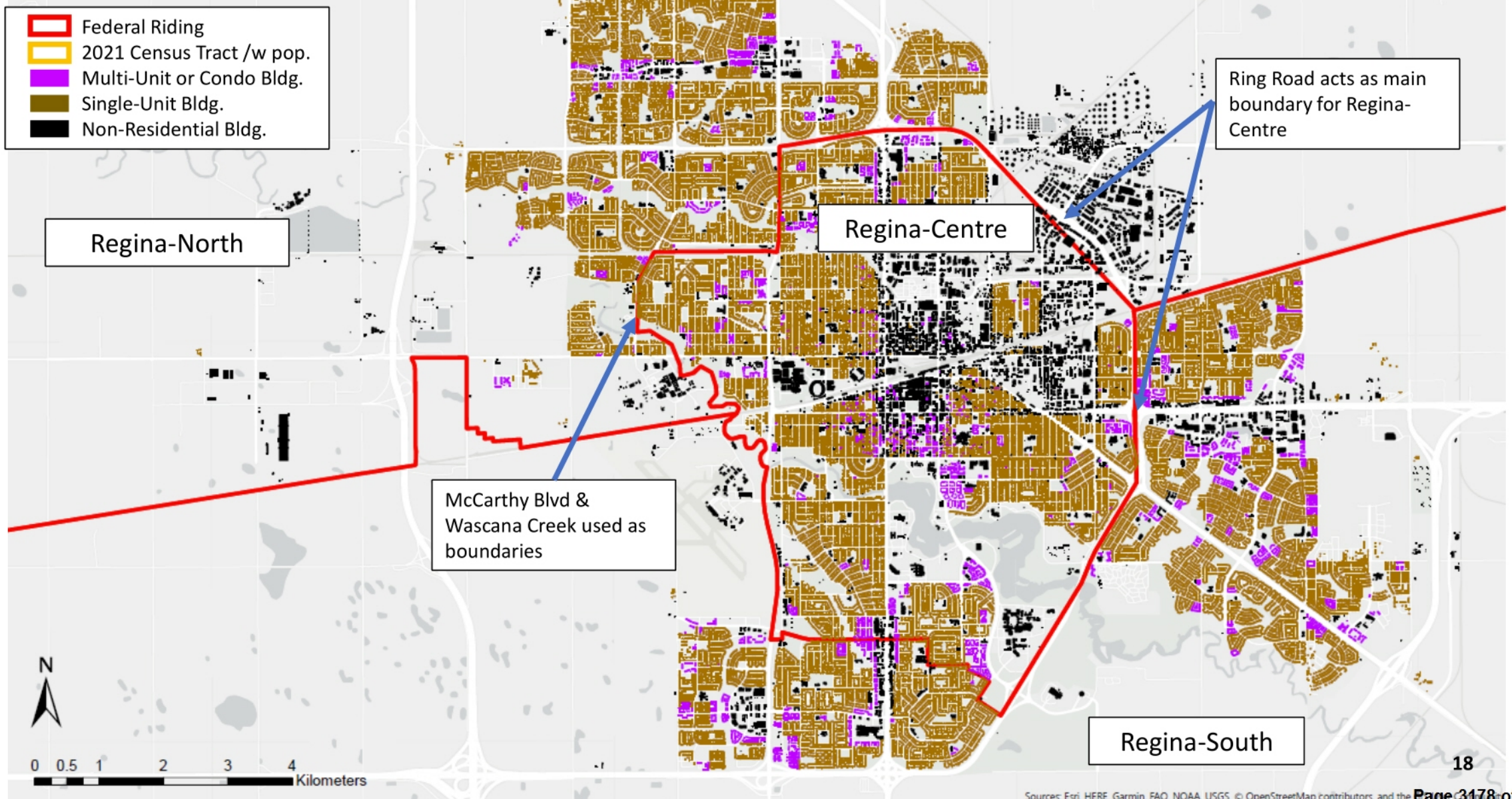
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- ▬ Federal Riding
- ▬ 2021 Census Tract /w pop.
- ▬ Multi-Unit or Condo Bldg.
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- ▬ Non-Residential Bldg.



Alternative Boundaries, Following Linear Edges & Building Footprints by Type (2021)

- ▬ Federal Riding
- ▬ 2021 Census Tract /w pop.
- ▬ Multi-Unit or Condo Bldg.
- ▬ Single-Unit Bldg.
- ▬ Non-Residential Bldg.



In Summary

The alternatives to the proposed Federal ridings better represent Regina's population by:

- Unifying most areas of the city with low to medium-low household incomes in one riding
- Unifying most areas of the city with large populations of residents identifying as indigenous
- Grouping the highest concentrations of renters together
- Grouping the largest new suburbs together
- Grouping urban and rural residents together that are most likely to own their homes
- These proposed alternative boundaries are future-proofed

Public Submission: 19(1)

Summary

Modifying Regina—Lewvan. The south end of Regina should all be in the same riding.

Population Counts and Variation

Regina—Lewvan (84,347):

- Submission population: 95,163
- Variation: 17.65%

Regina—Qu'Appelle (85,912):

- Submission population: 110,334
- Variation: 36.4%

Regina—Wascana (85,642):

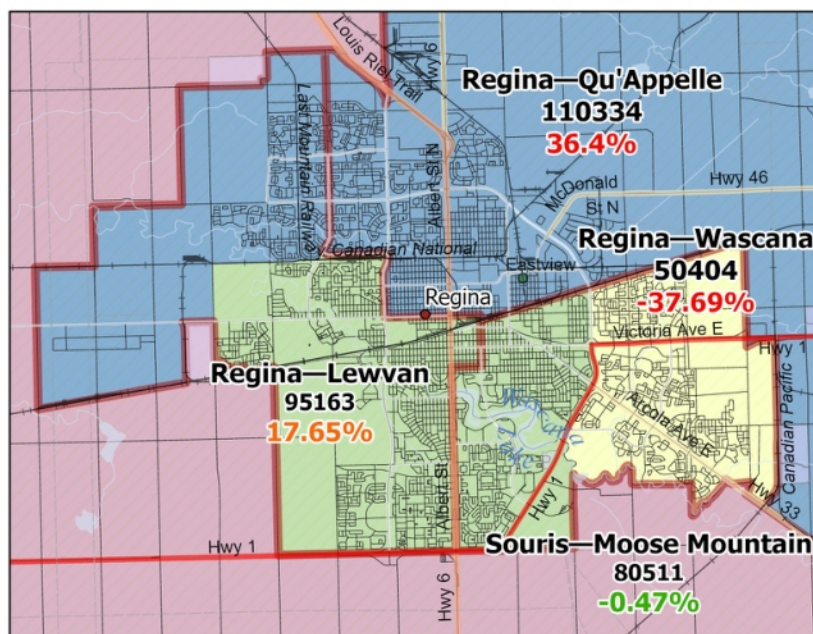
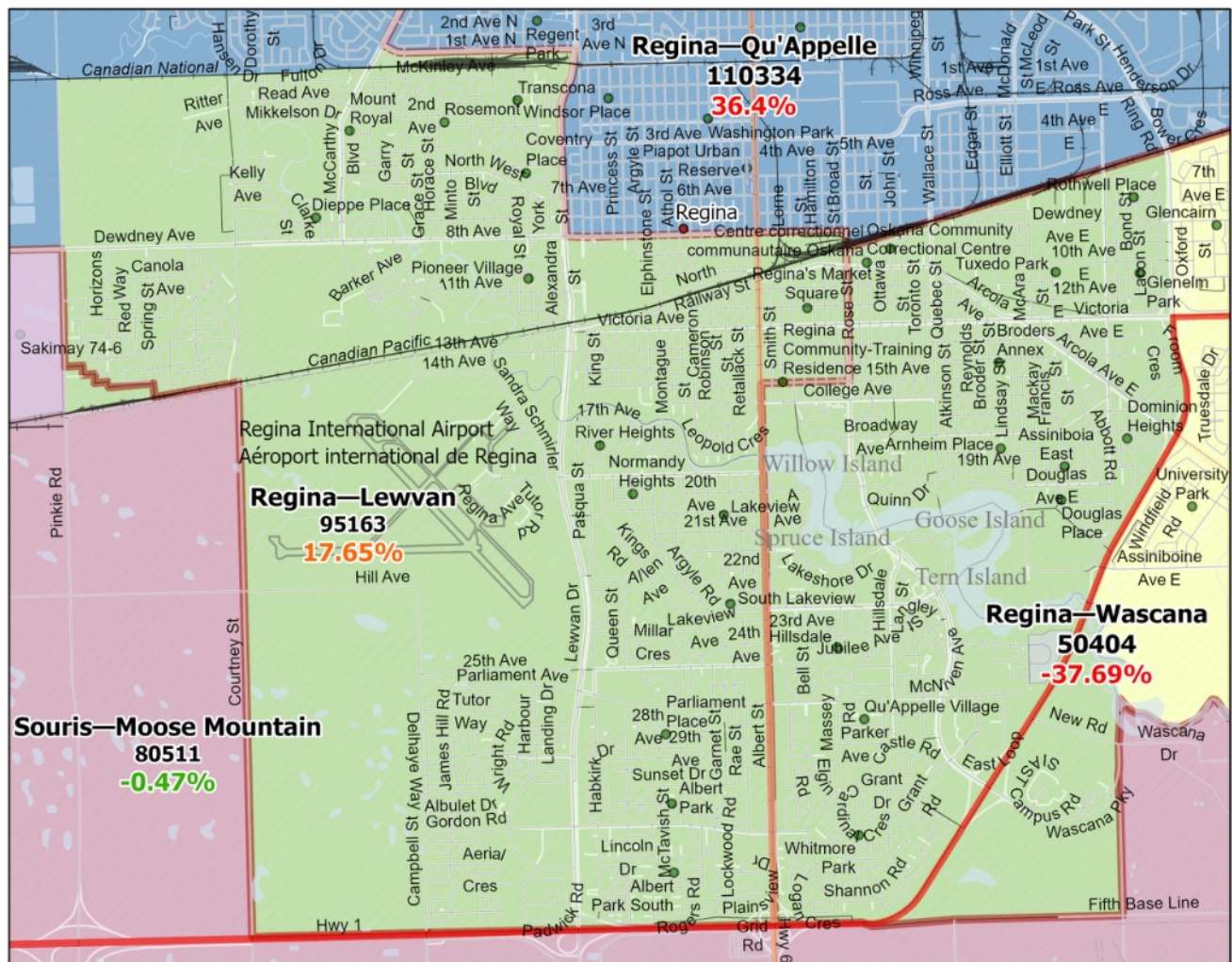
- Submission population: 50,404
- Variation: -37.69%

Movement of Boundaries and Domino Effect

Only the boundaries of the three Regina ridings are affected. Regina—Lewvan increased by 10,816 people and is now almost 18% above the quotient. The populations for Qu'Appelle and Wascana are skewed. Regina—Wascana would have to be reworked and perhaps take in areas above the current riding.

Any issues?

- No issues following administrative, natural or other type of delimitations



- Legend**
- Proposed Boundary
 - Regina—Lewvan
 - Regina—Qu'Appelle
 - Regina—Wascana
 - Souris—Moose Mountain

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Honourable Madame Chair, Dr. Beatty and Professor Carter,

Thank you for the opportunity to present my thoughts on the first draft of the proposed electoral boundaries for Saskatchewan.

It is also great to be able to do this in person.

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I do appreciate the challenges of adjusting the boundaries in a way that not only captures the growth in our province, but also takes into consideration any shifts in our population from rural communities to our urban centers and the need to recognize the interdependence between them.

I recognize that much time, effort, and thought has gone into this process, and I appreciate the work that has been done.

I also realize that the Commission has been working within the parameters outlined in the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, and that

The overarching principle of the Act is to make sure that each Riding “*shall, as closely as reasonably possible, correspond to the electoral quota for the province; And that communities of interest and identity, historical patterns, and geographic size in proposing electoral boundaries*” were taken into consideration by the commission as noted in the summary statement of the report.

I would also observe that while the “rules” established in the Act are clearly laid out, as well as an allowance for a departure from the rules,

the terms in these clauses are not defined in the interpretation section thus leaving them “open”.

I have been a Member of Parliament for fourteen years. I currently represent the Riding of Carlton Trail – Eagle Creek. A large rural riding, created 10 years ago which wraps itself around the city of Saskatoon on three sides. It stretches both East and West, North and South and shares boundaries with nine of the other thirteen ridings.

For the first seven years I represented the Riding of Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar (SRB). It was an urban/rural blended Riding whose boundaries went from Idylwyld Drive in Saskatoon on the East side and included D’arcy Sk which is west of Rosetown.

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It is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada with almost 50 percent growth over the last census period.

I remain convinced that our urban and rural populations share common values and interests.

In preparing for this presentation,

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Ten years ago, the consensus was that the boundaries, which took into consideration historical relationships and natural trading and traffic patterns, were serving Saskatchewan, and more specifically, Saskatoon and its neighboring communities very well.

Both Saskatoon and Regina had four Members of Parliament representing their interests with rural/urban blended ridings.

The population of our province had never been so high.

People were coming to Saskatchewan; coming to both urban and rural communities to benefit from our growing economy, high paying jobs, the cultural richness of our province and the genuine friendliness of our communities.

Growth in the province was one of the compelling reasons for the proposed changes at that time.

However, a majority of presenters argued that while the growth in our province was encouraging and worth celebrating, it did not justify the wholesale changes being contemplated.

I refer you to the dissenting report submitted by Mr. David Marit who served on the Commission.

And I quote,

“Close to 75% of the letters and public submissions the commission received were opposed to the proposed boundary changes. The number of replies that the commission heard and read, to my understanding, was the highest in Canada per capita. “That is a very powerful argument for leaving the electoral boundaries, as close as the commission can, in their current form in Saskatchewan.”

He also predicted that we would be where we are today,

And I quote:

“Looking at the proposed changes and where the province is experiencing the greatest growth (that is, in Regina and Saskatoon), it is clear that in 10 years from now we will be making drastic changes again to address variances from the population quota.

Mr. Marit's observations regarding where we would see the greatest growth have borne out.

As noted in the report tabled by the current commission, and I quote:

"The population of Saskatchewan as determined by the 2021 Census was 1,132,505. This represents an increase of 9.6% over the 2011 Census population of 1,033,381. The two major cities (Regina and Saskatoon) grew at a substantially faster rate than the province as a whole.

The 2021 population of the City of Regina was 226,404, or 17.2% greater than the city's 2011 population of 193,100. The 2021 population of the City of Saskatoon was 266,141, or 19.8% greater than the City's 2011 population of 222,189.

I was also interested to note that, and I quote:

The population of Carlton Trail—Eagle Creek also increased significantly from 72,607 to 83,395, representing a 14.86% increase from the 2011 Census.

So here we are once again, looking at the vastness of our geography, our population density and distribution.

This reality taken together with the overarching principle of the electoral quota requires that we arrive at a solution that will ensure the most effective and democratic representation for our constituents.

I continue to believe that blended urban-rural ridings make the most sense and is the ideal solution for Saskatchewan as it balances the rules as outlined in Section 15 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

As I noted earlier, while this section also provides for a “departure from the rules”, the rationale for any such departure should be clearly articulated and defensible.

I do want to speak to these rules starting with “**Communities of Interest**”

This rule or criteria and its ambiguity creates a number of questions:

How do we define communities of interest?

Do we rank order them?

How do we rank order them?

Why would we even go down this path?

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Healthy community development not only recognizes but values the diversity of these interests and encourages individuals and groups to **work together** to identify their shared values and strategies and combine their efforts in creating strong, vibrant communities.

If diversity is our strength, then let’s truly embrace the diversity of our communities.

The reality is that Saskatchewan remains a predominantly agricultural province.

With just under half of Canada’s arable land in the country, the importance of agriculture and rural Saskatchewan, not only to those

living in our urban centers but to our nation and indeed the world cannot be overstated.

We are a province whose economic drivers are agriculture and natural resources; drivers which are rural in terms of production but beneficial to our province as a whole with many head offices and employees urban based and the revenues provided for social programs like education and health.

While it may be true that rural communities across the province share a common experience, communities like Rosetown, Biggar, Borden, Rosthern, Humboldt and ever yone in between are strongly tied to Saskatoon as their economic, educational, recreational and health care hub:

For example, families who have chosen to live on acreages or in smaller communities but work in Saskatoon.

Or others who have chosen to live in Saskatoon but commute to smaller communities for work like so many teachers do.

The interdependence between rural and urban Saskatchewan should not be ignored.

This is what makes Saskatchewan's voice strong in Ottawa.

When it comes to “**Historical patterns**” I would suggest that these patterns are closely linked with historical relationships and boundaries.

Boundaries like rivers, highways, perimeter roads and major streets in urban centers.

One could argue that the only historical patterns that may be affected by the boundaries of a Riding or the lines on a map are those of the Members representing the Electoral District.

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Ten years ago, it was suggested that, and I quote

“In an era of skype, twitter and smart phones, communication across large spaces is easier than ever before. As such, large rural ridings have become increasingly manageable through modern information technology.”

It was assumed that skype would be an acceptable alternative for constituents living in geographically large rural ridings, when communicating with their MP's.

It is true, technology has and will continue to change the way we do business through email, video conferencing and now zoom.

The last two years have certainly moved us further on this trajectory, for example,

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In closing, as the population in our province has continued to grow and shift, I believe the cultural, economic and social ties between our urban centers and their neighboring rural communities have only grown **stronger.**

It is because of the close ties and common interests that exist between rural and urban Saskatchewan, the shared values and the geographic advantages that I strongly recommend that the urban rural blended ridings be revisited and am pleased that the Commission has done so to a small degree.

It is an equitable and democratic model that would ensure Saskatchewan has a strong voice in Ottawa and one that can be easily modified to reflect the growth in our cities while adhering to the electoral quota within manageable geographic boundaries.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear as a witness. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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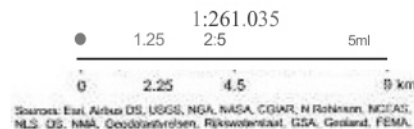


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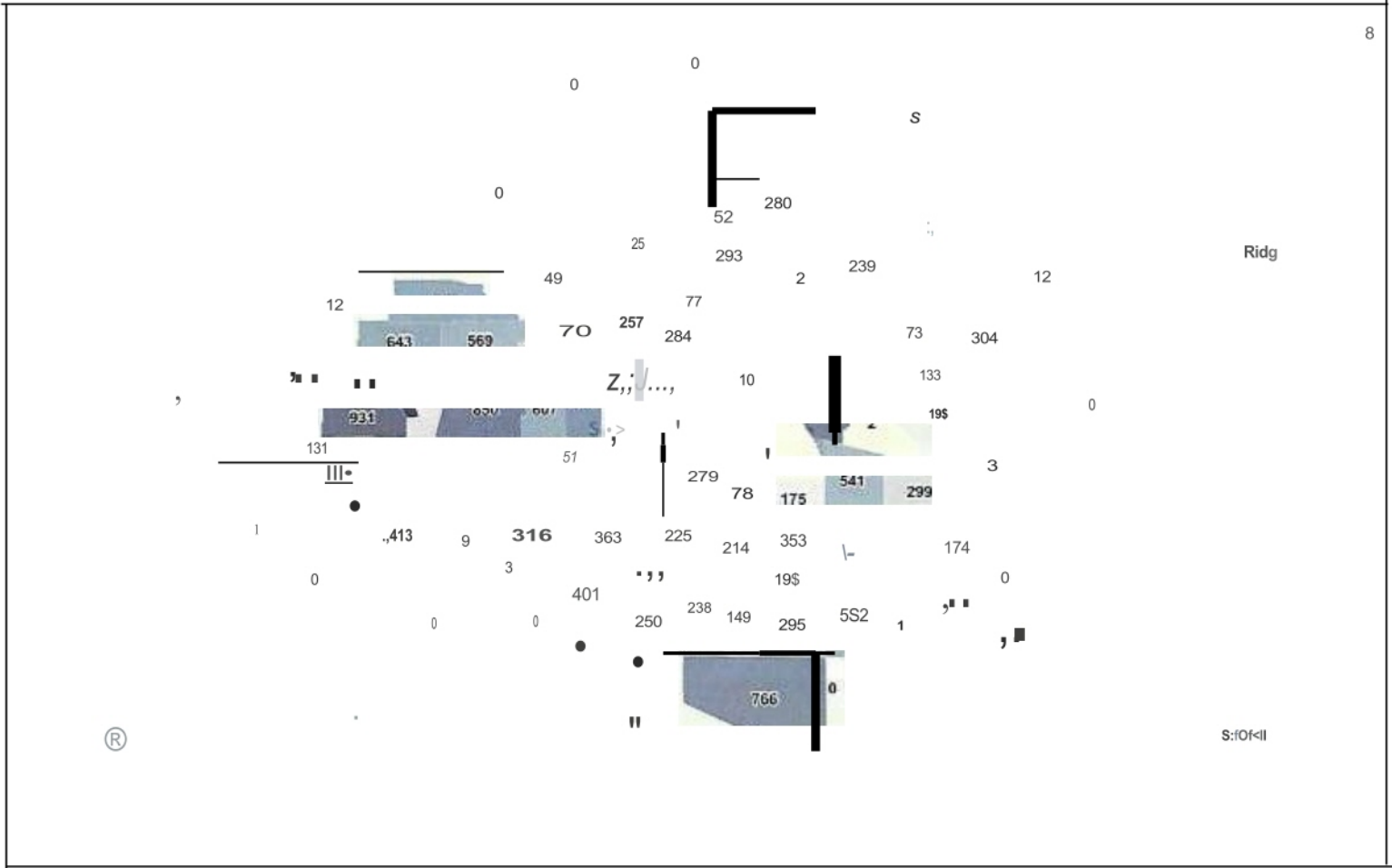
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2016 Aboriginal Population by Saskatoon Neighborhood



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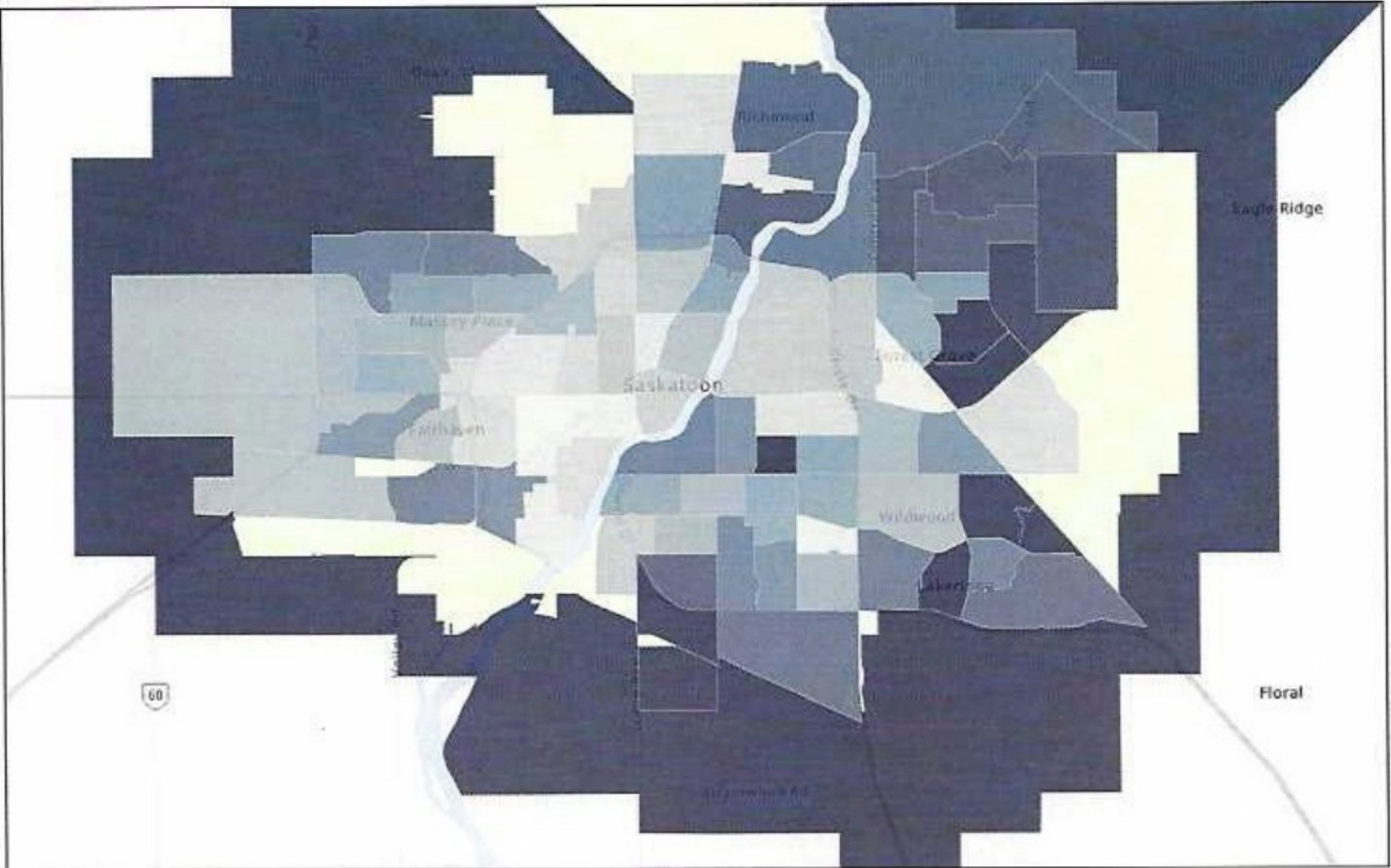
Aboriginal Identity Population in Proposed Ridings

Saskatoon-Grasswood	8,910
Saskatoon-University	4,376
Saskatoon Centre	12,444
Saskatoon Wanuskewin	8,144

Aboriginal Identity Population in Current Riding

Saskatoon West	15,140
Saskatoon University	6,150
Saskatoon Grasswood	6,155

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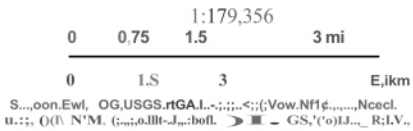


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Illustrating average income by neighborhood in 2021.
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Encampments (2021-2022)



Needle Pickups (2019-2022)



Overdoses EMS 23 (2019-2022)



Data on Overdoses, Encampments, and Needle Pick Ups provided by the Saskatoon Fire Dept.

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Introduction

- First, I want to thank the commission for doing this job. I know it's not easy and in this phase you are going to hear many arguments, probably some saying opposite things, so thank you for your hard work!
- I also want to preface my comments by letting you know that I will be providing you with a handout at the end to support my statements. For example, when I say "the majority of people..." I will endeavor to provide you with the facts to support that statement.

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- Boundaries matter, and simple, logical boundaries allow and encourage people to engage with their MP and develop that sense of community.
- When the commission changes boundaries, it messes up many of these relationships and confuses people. Poorly done, it can actually break up communities of interest.
- I would ask you to ensure that changes you propose are absolutely necessary and the least disruptive as possible. And at the risk of stating

the obvious, I would ask that you fully explore all options and examine all the facts before making major changes to representation.

- After all, I believe the goal is effective representation and this is difficult to achieve when the boundaries have major changes every 10 years.

What is the Problem?

- Let's turn to the issue at hand: Redistribution
- Clearly there is a problem with the numbers in Saskatoon
- This was foretold in the 2012 dissenting report by David Merit. He essentially said that urban only ridings wouldn't work simply because of math. And I believe his predictions have more or less proven correct.
- There is a simple solution and a complex solution to this problem. I would argue this proposal is the complex solution. I'll suggest a simpler solution later, 19(1)

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Newcomers

- In my experience, newcomers tend to be concentrated around Confederation Mall. If you were to put a pin in the map at 22nd and Circle Drive and attach a string to it, you would find a significant proportion of newcomers live within a 2km circle around that point. That area stretches from about Ave H down to 11th Street over to Kensington and up into Hampton.
- There are a significant number of newcomers in Saskatoon and a great many of them live within that circle I just described. Their presence has attracted mosques, a gurdwara, ethnic stores and ethnic restaurants. Circle Drive is not a boundary in any way. In fact, Circle Drive west splits right down the middle of the newcomer population.

Diversity

- 19(1) However, in Saskatoon over the years certain patterns have emerged. Certain types of people live in certain areas of the city and certain parts of the city are known for one thing or another. Not to say that everything is homogeneous, but there are certainly trends.
- For example, most of the blue collar, trades people live west of the river. Most of the business oriented and professional people live east of the river. Most indigenous people live west of the river. Most of the at-risk population lives west of the river. Crime, fires, needle pickups, homelessness and drugs are less of a problem on the east side of the river. These exist there, but to a much lesser degree.

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Grasswood

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- Areas west of Circle Drive deal with many of the negative issues I referenced, such as crime and drugs. These are primarily blue collar workers who earn an average living, are living in a more affordable home and are more likely to ride a bus. The area also boasts high numbers of immigrants and indigenous people.
- Stonebridge is a much more affluent area. It boasts one of the highest average incomes in the city and higher than average home prices.
- Lakeridge has an even higher average home price and the highest average income in the city.
- Not to mention that they are not physically connected and not generally viewed as going together, this makes for a very confusing riding.
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- In fact, the most often heard phrase as I was talking with West-side folks about this proposal was “they obviously don’t live in Saskatoon”.

The River

- I believe that natural boundaries should play a large role in riding boundaries. Saskatoon has one major undeniable boundary – the river. The west side of the river has developed differently economically, culturally, and demographically from the east side of the river.

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- It is also because of common causes. People on the west side deal with negative issues like needle pickup, vandalism, graffiti, and other more serious issues. Not all areas are the same, but all areas deal with these more so than on the east side. It’s a common bond that I hear not only at the doorsteps, but at community associations, mosques, churches and businesses.
- There are two main centers on the west side of the river: downtown and the Confederation Mall area. It’s fair to say that the downtown is truly a core area for the entire city, as many people travel there to work, to eat, to be entertained or simply to walk/bike by the river.
- This would be equally true whether you lived in the proposed “center” riding or frankly any other part of the city in any other riding.
- The Confederation Mall area is different. It really is the core of the west side, attracting people from all areas of the west side. This is particularly true of neighbourhoods just east of Circle Drive like Mount Royal, Hudson Bay Park, and Meadow Green. They are directly interconnected in multiple ways to their neighbours just west of Circle Drive like Fairhaven, Confederation, Massey Place and Westview.
- This proposal puts a boundary almost directly through the heart of the Confederation Mall area, creating a very un-natural division. People living

in West side neighbourhoods like Pleasant Hill, Mayfair and Holiday Park would go to the Canadian Tire in Confed. People living in Nutana, Avalon or Eastview would go to the Canadian Tire at Preston Crossing. The same pattern holds true for church attendance, healthcare and even friendships.

- I believe this is why the river has been respected as a boundary for federal ridings for many decades. There have been some deviations to this for practical reasons. The last commission put the north end of the city with the north-east part for practical numeric reasons. As well, provincial ridings have nearly always respected the river as a boundary.
- The last redistribution commission proposed to cross the river in the downtown area and that was soundly rejected. I would recommend the commission review the submissions and thoughts that led to that decision 10 years ago. The simple truth is that the river is a very powerful barrier.
- Why does this matter?
- Take the issues of alcohol, drugs, poverty & homelessness. No one party has a monopoly on these issues. Each politician has different ideas on how to work to end these problems. Indeed, in the last 7 years 2 different parties have represented Saskatoon West.
- The MP needs to address these needs in Ottawa on behalf of constituents. Right now, these issues are concentrated in the riding of Saskatoon West. As soon as you move across the river to Nutana, Varsity View, Haultain, etc these issues are much lower on their radar.
- Effectively, you propose splitting the west side in half and diluting their concerns with the concerns of people on the east side of the river. My fear is that by dividing the west side in half, this will reduce the voice of indigenous and at-risk people, not enhance it. Rather than a riding where these issues are top of mind, they will be drowned out by other issues. The result will be poorer representation.

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The Simple Solution

- So, that raises an obvious question. What would I propose as a simple, logical solution?
- First, we must return to the beginning and ask “what problem are we trying to solve?”
- I believe the problem is simply that we require another 1/3 MP in Saskatoon because of population growth.
- I don’t think anyone is making the case that the current boundaries are providing poor representation and poor service to voters.

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- And on that point, I would remind the commission again that Saskatoon West has been represented by both the NDP and the Conservatives, each for roughly half its existence.
- So what is the simple solution? Give the North End of Saskatoon to Carleton Trail Eagle Creek and tweak the existing boundaries as required to achieve relative parity. This would involve no change for most voters and split Saskatoon into 4 quarters, a pattern that has worked well for 20+ years.
- I would also propose that all 4 ridings include some rural, at the very least including the hundreds of acreages that exist close to the city.
- The NW quarter would include areas west of the river and north of Claypool Drive, south on Idylwyld to 33rd, and then follow 33rd to the river. This would include approximately 25,000 people from Saskatoon (roughly equal to the problem). Obviously, there would need to be another 55,000 people to fill out this riding, which can be found in the rural areas. Note that this follows very closely with the proposed Wanuskewin riding.
- The SW quarter would include all parts of the city west of the river not claimed by the NW quarter. This would roughly mirror the current Saskatoon West. I would also propose that the commission add rural areas southeast of Hiway 7 and north of Hiway 762, but not including Vanscoy. This would allow the acreages southwest of the city to be part of a city riding which I believe more closely mirrors the functionality of those residents and businesses.
- The SE quarter would be generally bounded by the river on the west, 8th street on the north, the CP railine to the east, and then filling out the riding by extending it southward to about Dundurn and eastward toward Clavet, but not including Clavet. This would very closely match the existing Grasswood riding, but with more rural areas.
- The NE quarter would be the remaining portions of Saskatoon as well as some of the rural areas north to Riversedge, eastward to Porter Lake, and south to about Patience Lake. This would roughly mirror the existing Saskatoon University, with the addition of the rural acreages. Note that

Briarwood would likely have to be placed in the NE quarter to balance out the numbers (the area west of Boychuk Drive and north of Taylor Street).

- The reason I call this a simpler solution is that it leaves the vast majority of the city unchanged from the current riding representation. It also maintains historic boundaries like the river and 8th street. Most importantly, I believe this is a much better representation of communities of interest, especially indigenous and at-risk communities. By my math, these ridings would range from about 80,000 to 86,000 or -1% to + 6%. Note also that the smallest riding would be the NE quarter. However, this area includes the majority of the medium-term growth in Saskatoon, so this arrangement would be very likely to retain a reasonable balance 10 years from now.

The Saskatchewan Map

- I would also like to speak about the total Saskatchewan map for a minute
- Broadly speaking, I believe the main role of redistribution by legislation is to balance Saskatchewan's population as evenly as possible among our 14 ridings. The legislation allows for up to 25% deviation in exceptional circumstances, but encourages much smaller variances. Historically these variances have been less than 10% and often less than 5%.
- Our neighbouring provinces of Alberta and Manitoba both face nearly the same challenges that you face here in Saskatchewan and both have adopted +/- 5% as their guiding principle range. Alberta achieved that with their proposal.
- Manitoba has proposed two ridings a bit over 5% and one large northern riding 7% under. However, all ridings are well within +/-10% variance.
- By contrast, this proposal has only seven ridings (1/2) that are within +/- 5%. There are five ridings over +/-5%. One riding 10% over and one at 44% under.
- As the committee indicated, the map starts in the north. I don't believe it is fair or within the limits of the act to have a riding as small as has been proposed for the northern riding. I'm sure others will have more to say

about that. I do want to mention two points on this

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Communities of Interest

- Let me wrap up by returning to the four “community of interest” principles laid out for the Saskatoon Center riding
 - Transportation infrastructure
 - Downtown core
 - At-risk populations
 - Indigenous populations
- I have to say that I can’t really see much about transportation that is unique to the proposed Center riding as compared to the rest of the city.
- I suspect there are more cyclists in that area, but they represent a very small proportion of people, and only for part of the year
- The bus system is oriented toward one or the other side of the river, and crossing the river involves a time consuming trip to the downtown core
- Similarly with the downtown core. I can appreciate that Broadway has a similar feel to the Downtown and 20th Street. Beyond that, 8th Street

would never be confused with 22nd Street so I don't really understand the logic of this point.

- In speaking with organizations like the Lighthouses and the STC, I can report that the vast majority of the at-risk population lives west of the river. Their circulation patterns tend to be from downtown westward, and from points west to the downtown. They don't tend to cross the river.
- Similarly with the indigenous population. The majority live on the west side, not in the proposed center riding.
- I would summarize by saying these principles are good ones to work with, but a better, simpler enactment of them would be to keep the west side of the river together. I believe this would better achieve these goals

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19(1) I hope that I have provided some useful information for the commission to consider.

- I'm hopeful that you will reconsider the significant restructuring you are proposing for Saskatoon and return to a simpler, less confusing solution.
- As I said at the outset, I have provided you with my data sources and a copy of my notes. If there is any information that I haven't provided, please ask for it and I will send it to you.
- Thanks again for your hard work on this issue and I truly wish you all the best as you sort through everyone's thoughts and make changes to your proposal.
- Thanks also for indulging me a little longer than average!
- I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Written Submission to the Commission for Saskatchewan Federal Electoral Redistribution 2022

I would like to start by recognizing that today, June 21st, 2022, is National Indigenous Peoples Day and that we are on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis Peoples. Before I begin today, I would like to say that I appreciate the work of the members of this Committee and the staff as well as the hard work that continues to go into this process. My comments today will mostly be focused on the new, proposed riding or constituency of Saskatoon-Centre, and they are meant to be constructive.

Saskatoon has a natural boundary that can be helpful in determining a new electoral boundary. That boundary is the South Saskatchewan River and to have a district such as the proposed Saskatoon-Centre would be a missed opportunity to provide more representation to those who live West of the South Saskatchewan River; the criteria for this redistribution include: that the population of each district should correspond as closely as possible to the electoral quota, which in Saskatchewan is 80,893. Again, as I understand it, based on both the courts and Parliament, the population of a district should not be 25% over or under the electoral quota, except in cases where the Commission deems it necessary to respect a community of interest or a community of identity. For years I have canvassed doors across Saskatoon, having had the privilege of representing citizens in some of the neighbourhoods in this proposed federal riding during my tenure in the Provincial Legislature. In the proposed district of Saskatoon-Centre the average neighbourhood has a home ownership percentage of 57.9%. A few of the neighbourhoods with the highest home ownership percentages are Adelaide/ Churchill (87.5%) and Nutana (83.3%). The area with the lowest home ownership percentage is Downtown where only about 25% of people own the homes they live in. Home ownership is becoming an important issue with home

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prices leaving younger people and others who are vulnerable, increasingly unable to afford a home. The average home price in Varsity View is \$514,880 and in Pleasant Hill the price of the average home is \$169,291.

These neighborhoods may not have their voices heard on this and other important issues, among others if their numbers are diluted by more affluent citizens. There is a missed opportunity here to create a new district called Saskatoon-Riversdale representing one of the founding neighbourhoods in Saskatoon. I am concerned that citizens living in certain parts of this divided riding risk being under-represented because of significant socioeconomic inequities. One of the key inequities we see in this proposed riding is the inequity of resources to make sure that citizens voices are heard in Ottawa and that their problems can be resolved.

With all due respect, I will suggest that the Commission is presenting a bit of a missed opportunity. That this proposed riding of Saskatoon Centre should be reconfigured and rebranded as Saskatoon-Riversdale. Representing the diverse, inclusive, entrepreneurial spirit of this founding community of Saskatoon. Thank you for your consideration.



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October 14, 2022

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

Email: sk@redecoupage-federal-residtribution.ca

To whom it may concern:

RE: Constituency

This letter is to inform you that at the regular meeting of Council held on October 12, 2022, council passed the following resolutions:

14-10-2022: That, the council of the Rural Municipality of Moose Range No. 486 support the RM and those communities within their boundaries to remain within the Prince Albert Constituency and that the population rational to move the area into the Yorkton riding leaves the community with less powers within the Federation and further that this letter be sent to the Electoral Commission Secretary. **CARRIED**

If you require anything further, please contact the office.

Yours truly,

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Federal Redistribution Comment - Regina Lewvan/Wascana



 You replied on Thu 2022-02-10 5:30 PM

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To: SK



Wed 2022-02-09 7:24 PM

Hello,

I am writing to the commission to express my support for the redrawing of Regina's federal electoral boundaries. I believe that my current riding, Regina-Lewvan, is not a very good community of interest.

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In addition, I feel that there is a significant cultural divide between north Regina and south Regina and I think that should be reflected in the federal electoral boundaries.

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These five neighbourhoods are one cohesive community of interest and I would like to see the federal electoral boundaries reflect that.

I believe the current City of Regina ward boundaries are much more reflective of the distinct communities that exist within Regina and I implore the commissioners to take it into consideration when drawing the new boundaries. I hope that my current city council ward (Ward 1) is drawn into the same federal electoral district. <https://www.regina.ca/city-government/city-council/wards/>

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinions on this matter,

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Fw: Saskatchewan Ridings.



Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for taking the time to write to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Marlene Rodie, Secretary
**Federal Electoral Boundaries
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Marlene.rodie@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 11, 2022 10:13 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Saskatchewan Ridings.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support of the current efforts to keep urban only, rural only ridings. I believe that the interests of the two groups are best expressed by giving each strong voices in parliament.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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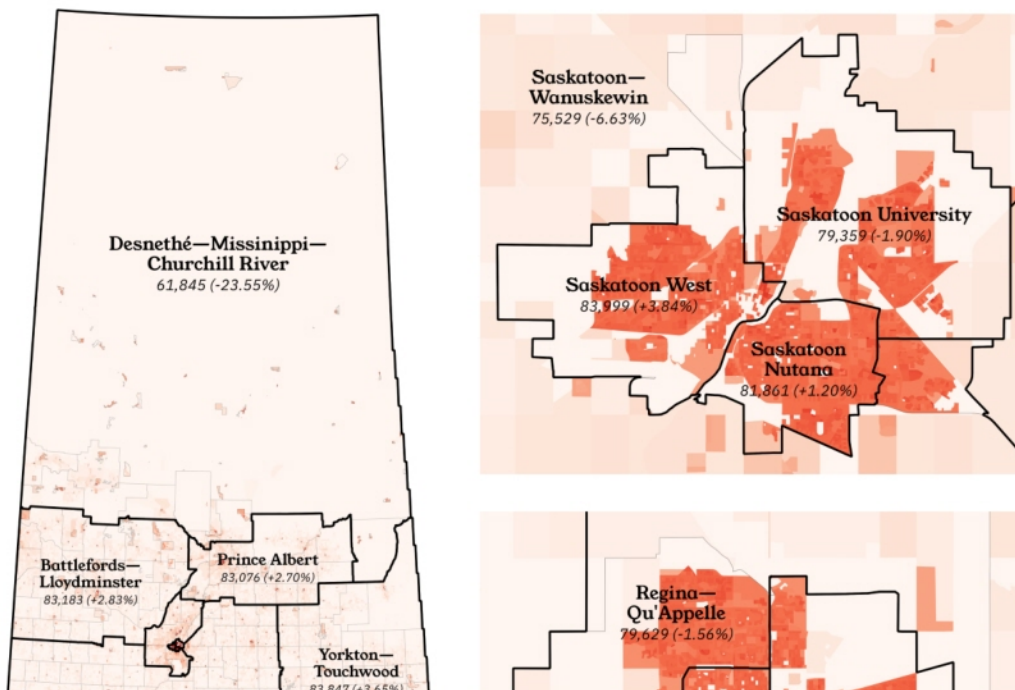
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From: 19(1)
Sent: February 14, 2022 6:23 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Saskatchewan boundary proposal (GIS files included)

Hello!

19(1) So, forgive me for getting a full boundary plan together within a week of the census release.



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Re: Boundary Commission Submission



Yours sincerely,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: February 23, 2022 3:43 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Boundary Commission Submission

The west side of the Cypress Hills-Grasslands EDA has many economic and social connections to Moose Jaw. Moose Jaw and Swift Current are connected by the TransCanada highway and are both medium sized cities with similar needs. Because of these facts I suggest that Moose Jaw should be included in the Cypress Hills-Grasslands EDA and everything north of the South Sask River should be moved out of the Cypress Hills-Grasslands EDA and moved into an EDA to the north as the river is a natural boundary and the west side of the EDA has no connection to the=is part of the EDA.

Thank you.



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Re: Southwest Saskatchewan Federal Electoral District



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From: 19(1)**Sent:** February 23, 2022 5:29 AM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Southwest Saskatchewan Federal Electoral District

To Whom it May Concern:

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19(1) Regarding new boundaries for our electoral district, I would like to see a district that goes from Moose Jaw west to the Alberta border and from the South Saskatchewan River south to the US border.

The South Saskatchewan River is used by provincial constituencies Cypress Hills and Lumsden-Morse as a border. Regarding traditional trading patterns, people south of the river are more likely to travel to centres like Maple Creek, Swift Current and Moose Jaw, while those north of the river tend to travel to centres like Kindersley, Rosetown and Saskatoon. For services that aren't available in Swift Current, I am more likely to travel to Moose Jaw or even Medicine Hat because travel is easier along the Trans Canada Highway than it is going north where there are no four lane highways. Highways 1, 13 and 18 are main east-west routes through the electoral district, and various north-South highways all feed into these main east-west routes.

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Re: Boundary change



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To: 19(1)

Wed 2022-02-23 7:24 PM

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Yours sincerely,

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From: 19(1)

Sent: February 23, 2022 3:55 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Boundary change

Good morning!

I've been reading of the proposed electoral boundary changes with interest. I read that feedback was requested, so here is mine. From the proposal I read, it seems to make sense for Swift Current area and Moose Jaw to combine as one riding.

We are close geographically and as somewhat similarly sized cities would have similar interests and priorities. 19(1) It feels like a natural fit to combine our areas.

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Re: Federal riding boundaries



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From: 19(1)

Sent: February 23, 2022 5:31 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Federal riding boundaries

Hello there

I am from maple creek. I would like to support the riding being set with swift current and moose jaw together. Southern saskatchewan has similar needs. We do doctoring in swift current and have family in moose jaw. I see the value in having the riding lines south of saskatchewan river. Let's keep rural saskatchewan represented.

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Re: Saskatchewan voting districts



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From: 19(1)
Sent: February 23, 2022 4:03 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Saskatchewan voting districts

Hi, I would like to express my support for separating urban and rural districts. They don't share the same needs and have different voting goals. Please keep them distinct so each has a chance to be represented.

On a side note I wish you were drawing districts for Proportional Representation because our country very badly needs to move away from FPTP. We do not have an accurate representation of people's votes in parliament under FPTP. It's sad how many votes don't count under FPTP and the sense of helplessness I know many people have as their vote means nothing time and time again. We must make the electoral change promised in 2015 by Justin Trudeau.

Sincerely, 19(1)

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Re: A New Electoral Map for Canada

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Fri 2022-02-25 3:49 PM

Dear 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission. Your input and participation at this initial stage are appreciated. I will bring your map to the attention of the Commission and send you a copy of Saskatchewan's initial proposal when it is prepared.

Thank you for taking the time to write to prepare the map.

Yours sincerely,

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From: 19(1)

Sent: February 22, 2022 3:13 PM

Subject: A New Electoral Map for Canada

Hello,

Here is my proposal for 342 federal electoral districts across Canada.

<https://bit.ly/Canada342>

The proposed ridings use population counts from the 2021 Census recently released by Statistics Canada. I will update this map periodically with revised boundaries if I find a better alternative.

Also, there's an interesting discussion about the federal redistribution going on here:

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Re: shortest splitline



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From: 19(1)

Sent: February 27, 2022 10:57 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: shortest splitline

I don't see why we can't do this here:


<https://rangevoting.org/GerryExec.html>

<https://redistrictingnow.wordpress.com/2010/04/13/13/>

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End the campaign to Cancel Richard Stallman - go to stallmansupport.org !

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Re: Census boundaries, from South Saskatchewan



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From: 19(1)
Sent: February 27, 2022 10:59 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Census boundaries, from South Saskatchewan

Hello, to whom this may concern,

I just wanted to give my two cents on this subject. 19(1)

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So, if the boundaries have to be adjusted. It makes sense that for our neck of the woods Moosejaw would be included. Majority of the south country folk travel there for medical appointments anyway.

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Also, our school board is actually Prairie South for our towns which operates out of Moosejaw.

So, if the census shows that adjustments be made. It does make sense that our area include both Swift Current and MooseJaw.

These are the two cities that folks goto for mammograms, eye doctors, ultrasounds... even chiropractor, since there is not any of those available at all locally.

I am unfamiliar how this works actually. I just know that from my time working on the 2021 Census, that the outcome affects a lot of our funding to our communities based on population. Hence also, how our boundaries are set, well for so many things really.

Thankyou for listening and good luck with the tasks you have to do.

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Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission



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From: 19(1)**Sent:** February 28, 2022 7:28 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

To: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission

From: 19(1)

The attachment below is my submission for suggested changes to the federal EDA boundaries for Saskatoon, SK

Notes:

- All my contact information is included in the attachment. I am aware that the Commission could make changes to my proposal should it be considered as the best proposal.
- I provided names for each of the four Saskatoon and area EDAs with the understanding that the Commission will select names for the approved EDAs.

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Re: New electoral boundaries



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Sent: March 3, 2022 1:14 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: New electoral boundaries

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Re: boundaries for ridings around Saskatoon



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To: 19(1)

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Thu 2022-03-03 5:24 PM

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Yours sincerely,

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From: 19(1)

Sent: March 3, 2022 3:49 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: boundaries for ridings around Saskatoon

19(1) understand that a commission is studying new boundaries for federal ridings in Saskatchewan. I would like to voice my support for the creation of an entirely urban riding in Saskatoon. Priorities and lifestyles for urban and suburban residents are different. Urban residents are more likely to be concerned about downtown quality of life, public transport and things like bike lanes. Suburban residents are more concerned with roads and property taxes. As such, I think that both groups would be better represented in the federal government by separate representatives.

Thank you for your consideration and work on this commission.

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Re: SK ridings



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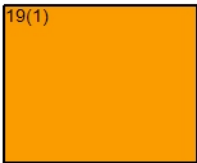
From: 19(1)
Sent: March 3, 2022 11:34 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: SK ridings

Good evening.

I understand SK may be getting another seat in the urban areas at the cost of a rural EDA.

I feel that Cypress Hills Grasslands is geographically too large and is configured incorrectly. Rather than using the logical northern boundary of the Saskatchewan River, it extends north of that natural divide. I see an EDA that extends further east to west, using the river as its northern boundary and the USA border for its southern. The western boundary would of course be the provincial one with Alberta. I feel that Moose Jaw should be part of this new EDA. While those of us in the western part of CHGL gravitate to Swift Current, those in the eastern part are served by Moose Jaw. I think it would be logical to extend the eastern boundary of CHGL to include Moose Jaw (and perhaps Lumsden). I also think Moose Jaw Lake Centre Lanigan is rather odd in its current configuration and redrawing the boundaries as I have suggested (so that the southern EDAs are joined by the artery of the TransCanada Highway) makes sense.

Thank you for the consideration of my opinion.



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Re: Electoral Boundaries



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Thu 2022-03-03 8:07 PM

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From: 19(1)

Sent: March 3, 2022 5:48 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Electoral Boundaries

Dear Committee Members,

I was pleased to learn that a review of federal electoral boundaries is underway.

In recent years there has been a substantial change in the demographics in the central area of Saskatoon in which I live. Immigrant families tend to settle in more central areas of the city where affordable housing is available. The needs of new Canadians could be better served within the boundaries of the area where a growing number of newcomers live. The idea of a Saskatoon constituency bounded by Circle Drive would address this concerns.

Thanks for your work on these important changes.

Regards, 19(1)

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Re: Federal Boundaries



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To: 19(1)

Thu 2022-03-03 12:12 PM

Bcc: 19(1)

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From: 19(1)

Sent: March 3, 2022 4:55 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Federal Boundaries

19(1) Maybe if we had an urban MP they would be more concerned about the numbers of homeless people around our area. And the people coming around every week at 3am to check vehicles and climbing into your yard looking for stuff.

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Re: Creating a new urban riding in Saskaton



Hello,

I write in support of the creation of a real urban riding in Saskatoon (Saskatoon center, inside of circle drive).

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19(1) I have long been concerned about the lack of representation of the urban population of Saskatoon at the federal level. I cannot but help notice that ridings around the city have been gerrymandered to quiet the voice of urban citizens.

For one thing, the lifestyle of citizens living in central Saskatoon (inside of circle drive) substantially differs from that of those living in suburban areas (outside of circle drive). The neighborhoods are very different in character. Inside of circle drive, neighborhoods tend to be older. There, small commercial streets are common. Stores are but a short walk or very short drive away. Citizens who live inside of circle drive choose to live in smaller space, on smaller pieces of land with a greater proximity to their neighbors over the suburban lifestyle that is found in the developments beyond circle drive. More of them bike or walk to work. More of them take public transit. Schools are integrated into neighborhoods in such a way that kids and parents can walk/bike to school. It makes no doubt in my mind that the electoral interests of citizens living inside of circle drive differ to such an extent from those of citizens living outside of circle that a new riding (Saskatoon center, inside of circle drive) needs to be created to afford the urban electorate of Saskatoon a proper representation at the federal level.

Sincerely,

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Re: Redecoupage-federal-redistribution



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From: 
Sent: March 3, 2022 6:23 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Redecoupage-federal-redistribution

In the 2021 federal election, 31% of SK voters chose a party that was not the Conservatives. Yet the Tories won 100% of the seats. 🇩🇪

We need fairer maps in Regina.

Regards,



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Re: New electoral boundaries

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Re: Redistribution of Saskatoon federal electoral boundaries

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From: 19(1)
Sent: March 3, 2022 8:55 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Redistribution of Saskatoon federal electoral boundaries

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I respectfully suggest that you consider forming an electoral district within the area of Circle Drive. This area has a diverse population but with a very high senior population which has concerns that differ significantly from suburban residents.

Senior residents' concerns include diverse housing needs, access to public transportation, and support services.

It is my view that "Saskatoon Centre" electoral district would be better able to serve the senior and other groups in this area .

Thank you for the opportunities to express my view.

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Re: Saskatchewan's Federal Election Districts



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: March 3, 2022 8:55 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatchewan's Federal Election Districts

Dear Judge Jackson, Dr. Beatty and Professor Carter,

In your review of the above-mentioned federal election districts, I hope that you will take into account the shift of the population into urban settings, particularly cities, and that you will revise the boundaries as needed to most closely keep to the standard of one elector, one vote.

I suspect, that currently, the ballot of individual urban voter, again particularly with respect to the cities, has less weight with respect to the outcome of the election than the ballot of the rural voter does and I believe that we need to move back toward a more balanced and equitable distribution of voting power.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I wish you success in your review.

Sincerely

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Re: Support for an Urban Saskatoon Riding



I thank you for taking the time to write to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: March 3, 2022 5:36 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Support for an Urban Saskatoon Riding

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission:

19(1) These communities when compared to communities outside Circle Drive are older, have a much higher population of Indigenous individuals, students, older adults, lower income individuals and new Canadians. The communities inside Circle Drive include the first built areas of Saskatoon. As a result, the public facilities and the infrastructure is older and sometimes based on a different plan than the newer suburban areas outside Circle Drive. I believe these demographic factors result in communities inside Circle Drive sharing a 'community of interest'. Residents inside Circle Drive simply have different political concerns and priorities than our suburban neighbours outside Circle Drive because our neighbourhoods are different.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely

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Re: Regina riding divisions



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Yours sincerely,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: March 4, 2022 11:26 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Regina riding divisions

Hello,

The ridings in Regina seem to be unfairly distributed and should be reconsidered.

Where Regina-Lewvan and Regina-Wascana make up predominantly urban areas, Regina-Qu'appelle blends a portion of urban population with a large swath of rural areas.

In my mind this means that urban concerns and priorities are being undermined by rural interests.

Let's please look to have the city of Regina represented properly within its own boundaries and without external influence on the vote. The City of Regina should have at least three seats of its own, all within the city limits.

Thanks,

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Re: Saskatoon Boundaries



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From: 19(1)
Sent: March 4, 2022 9:11 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Saskatoon Boundaries

Hello Redistribution Committee,

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19(1) I wanted to encourage the committee to keep Saskatoon-University as an urban/suburban district instead of an urban-rural hybrid. For things like infrastructure, job growth and transportation I have much more similar interests with those in Erindale, Brighton and Lakewood than anyone in Humboldt. I know these other neighborhoods, the people that live there, the challenges their communities face and I know that an MP in the House of Commons would find the inter-community tension minimal and easy to resolve when determining their advocacy priorities. I know little about rural problems or struggles, 19(1)

19(1) so I feel it best that they receive MPs that can focus fully on their needs, instead of splitting their time half and half between two very different communities.

Kind regards,

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Re: Redrawing of Federal Electoral District Boundaries



neighbourhood and others with similar concerns.

I fear that any redrawing of electoral boundaries could return us to the situation that existed 19(1)
19(1) in 2011 where Saskatoon and large swaths of surrounding rural areas
were cut into pie shaped pieces. 19(1)
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19(1) Using the definition of 'community of interest', my
neighbourhood shares little other than common language and currency with these rural areas.

Even within the City of Saskatoon, 19(1) I find that Nutana has much more in common with
core neighbourhoods in what is now Saskatoon-West (Caswell Hill, City Park, Riversdale) and the closer
to city centre neighbourhoods of Saskatoon-Grasswood (Buena Vista, Exhibition, Haultain, Holliston)
than I do with those outlying new suburbs 19(1) such as Willowgrove, Evergreen or Arbor
Creek. The inner neighbourhoods of Saskatoon are united by an interest in the same issues that affect
core neighbourhoods across the country such as urban transit, crumbling infrastructure, affordable
housing, parks and green space.



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The concern was proposed changes to the regulations applied to infill housing. There were people
there from a variety of neighbourhoods such as Caswell Hill, Pleasant Hill, Holiday Park, Riversdale,
Varsity View, Queen Elizabeth and Nutana. This is a community of interest which I think would be better
represented as such. This sort of recognition of a community of interest in the central neighbourhoods
in Saskatoon would follow the thinking that has been applied in other Cities where we see to my count
16 electoral districts across the country with the word 'Centre' linked to the name of a city to name the
district.

Thank you for taking my ideas into account when redrawing the electoral map for the City of
Saskatoon.



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Southwestern Saskatchewan redistribution



 You replied on Sat 2022-03-05 2:15 PM

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To: SK



Fri 2022-03-04 10:43 PM

Hello,

19(1) I am very interested in possible changes in electoral district boundaries due to the most recent census.

Looking at the current boundaries of Cypress Hills-Grasslands 19(1) it seems to me that if you need to add population to the current electoral district the easiest and most effective way would be to incorporate Moose Jaw into the riding.

For those of us on the southeast side of the current riding boundaries Moose Jaw is where we go for shopping and for medical appointments. There is an affinity to the town and familiarity with it, so it seems like a natural fit.

You could move the boundary on the east side from Road 36 to Road 34 and draw a line straight north.

If adding the population of Moose Jaw to the electoral district increases the population figure too much, I would suggest that you look at trimming off the piece of the riding that is north of the South Saskatchewan River.

Folks in this part of the world seem to think that "north of the river" is very different from south of the river.

I am very familiar with the effect of a nature boundary on an electoral district, having come from a riding in BC where there was a mountain pass between the northern and southern parts of the riding.

I will follow the boundary adjustment process with interest and trust that my comments will be taken into account.

Sincerely,

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Re: Saskatoon Federal Electoral Boundaries



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To: 19(1)

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From: 19(1)**Sent:** March 4, 2022 10:33 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Saskatoon Federal Electoral Boundaries

To whom it may concern,

I understand your commission is looking at changes to our existing federal electoral boundaries. 19(1)

19(1)

19(1) the growth of our homeless population in Saskatoon greatly concerns me.

Our homeless residents primarily live in urban neighbourhoods. I truly believe a strictly urban federal riding, completely within the limits of Circle Drive, would better serve our vulnerable and homeless residents. More attention should be given to the complex issues these residents face everyday.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan



and the Nutana neighborhood seem to have more in common with each other than with the suburban, post-WWII portions of the rest of their respective ridings. I have done geodemographic segmentation work on the prairie provinces based on a British national output area classification method and the results bear this out as well.

No other prairie cities large enough to have multiple federal electoral districts have been divided into “pie wedges”. It is not sure why they are needed here. I believe this is a form of “cracking” designed to dilute urban representation. The 2012 electoral districts are neither as compact as they could be nor based on any plausible communities of interest.

As shown in the 2021 census figures released so far, approximately half of the population of Saskatchewan is now within the Census Metropolitan Areas of Regina and Saskatoon combined. In 2012, the absurdity of “rurban” ridings was ended, but only nominally so, as the ridings instead became urban/suburban. It is time to end the anti-urban bias of our federal electoral boundaries in Saskatchewan and allow Saskatoon and Regina to have wholly urban – that is, pre-WWII dense central core – representation.

Thank you,

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Re: City of Saskatoon riding boundaries



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From: 19(1)
Sent: March 7, 2022 10:40 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: City of Saskatoon riding boundaries

Hello,

I would like to speak briefly in favour of re-drawing the federal ridings related to Saskatoon to include an urban riding that contains the population living inside Circle Drive. 19(1)

19(1)

19(1) Given the nature of my day-to-day life in the city, I believe that my interests related to infrastructure, urban planning, and the downtown core are distinct from those who live in the suburban areas of the city, where transportation by vehicle is almost always necessary.

Thank you for considering my opinion related to this matter.

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To the Electoral Boundary Commission of Saskatchewan.

To Whom it may concern,

I have attached my dissenting opinion from the last boundary redistribution process that occurred in 2013. As you all can see many of the concerns that were submitted throughout the process have become even more evident over the past 10 years.

Please find attached my dissenting opinion from the 2013 redistribution process. As you will note, many of the concerns I raised about the impact of future population growth on urban only seats have now been realized. I noted in my dissent that such growth “would mean having to go back to the blended rural-urban ridings...”

In addition to the impact of population growth, I raised many objections based on communities of interest, trade and traffic patterns, geographic features, and recreational and social connections to justify keeping blended urban-rural ridings. I stand by those statements and urge the commission to take them into account this time. The people of the province of Saskatchewan deserved to have fair and equal representation and in my opinion that means a return to urban/rural ridings now and going forward into the future.

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Re: federal election riding boundaries



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Thu 2022-03-10 4:00 PM

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From: 19(1)

Sent: March 8, 2022 8:21 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: federal election riding boundaries

To whom it may concern;

I wish to add my opinion to the body involved in decision making about this matter. 19(1)

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19(1) A riding that is exclusively urban has the best chance of capturing this perspective and effectively representing a large group of voters who are currently unrepresented by the system. Another riding that is outside of Circle Drive would be able to serve the needs of suburban voters, whose interests are also distinct. This way there is less division in society, as both groups can have effective representation.

Sincerely,

19(1)

March 7, 2022

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan:

Thank you for considering public input during this phase of the process. 19(1)

19(1) are pleased to provide the committee with our submission regarding redistribution of ridings in our province. We recognize the challenge you face in doing your work and believe we can add some pertinent information for your consideration.

History

The last commission made the decision to mostly eliminate mixed rural/urban ridings in Regina and Saskatoon. Prior to these changes, Saskatchewan's rural areas were represented by fourteen MPs. These ridings mixed rural and urban together and from a geographical perspective resulted in five large ridings and nine medium sized ridings. It is also significant to note that the two major cities each had four MPs representing approximately one-quarter of the city each.

After redistribution, there were five urban ridings (including Saskatoon Grasswood which retained a small amount of rural) and nine rural ridings. From a representation perspective, the rural voice was reduced significantly from fourteen to nine ridings. At the same time, the voices of Regina and Saskatoon were also reduced, as they previously had eight MPs and after redistribution only had six. Geographically, redistribution left the province with seven large ridings, two medium sized ridings, and five small urban ridings. Saskatoon and Regina were reduced to three MPs each, representing approximately one third of the city each.

We note that the last Commission calculated that Saskatoon deserved three MPs in 2011 and Regina two and a half. Based on this calculation, the reduction of one MP in each city was justified by the math. However, the math can be equally satisfied by rural/urban blended ridings. The true impact is that rather than four people looking after the specific interests of Regina, there are now only three. The same is true of Saskatoon.

The previous commission argued that communities of interest and identity were more closely aligned within the city boundaries than they were between the city and rural areas and would be better represented having MPs focused solely on urban issues; vice-versa for rural ridings. Having represented Saskatchewan under these new ridings for over six years now, we can make some observations. Most significantly, our constituents all contend with federal issues like taxation, energy policy, immigration policy, environmental regulations, etc. We believe the interests of urban dwellers contemplated by the prior commission tend to be provincial or civic in nature and are dealt with by provincial and civic representatives. The reality is that federal issues affect everyone the same, no matter where you live.

Some would use the example of agriculture policy and state that this was not an issue relevant to Regina or Saskatoon. We contend that this is simply not true. Many of our urban constituents work in agriculture related industries, they study agriculture at university or polytech, and they participate in events like Agribition. Attend a Garth Brooks concert at Sasktel Centre and you will quickly see the merging of rural and urban lifestyles! The reality is that our economy is fully dependent on "rural" industries like agriculture, oil & gas and mining and our cities would not exist were it not for these industries.

We would ask the commission to review the opposition to the prior proposal, specifically the first four "basic themes" of opposition noted in the 2012 report. We believe these are still valid concerns. In

addition, we would ask the commission to review the dissenting report of Commissioner David Marit which we have attached for your reference. In particular, his concerns related to future growth appear to have been manifested. He anticipated a potential quota growth of 10,000 – the actual appears to be about 7,000. Your commission is now faced with the problems he predicted - fairness in terms of geographic size and fair representation to Regina and Saskatoon.

General Thoughts on Redistribution

While the last commission was able to equalize the number of constituents with urban only ridings, it appears this task will be much more difficult given that 80% of the population growth has occurred in Regina and Saskatoon. We are concerned that the future will require more MPs in Regina and Saskatoon with fewer (and much geographically larger) rural ridings. Besides making these rural ridings very difficult to represent effectively, it promotes division between rural and urban people. We believe that Saskatchewan is far better off when both rural and urban residents are pulling in the same direction.

Large Geographical Ridings: As the physical size of a riding grows, more and more disconnected communities are combined together. For example, a natural boundary like a river means that those on either side rarely interact with each other. A large riding requires that this natural barrier be broken causing one MP to represent both groups. The same is true of natural trading patterns. Folks living in Humboldt tend to be connected with Saskatoon, but are currently grouped together with Rosetown and Biggar. We believe that every effort should be undertaken to keep rural ridings geographically manageable while respecting existing trading patterns as much as possible.

Diversity: Diversity exists in many forms and in all fourteen electoral districts across Saskatchewan. Diversity is something we should celebrate and not seek to eliminate by altering boundaries of an electoral district based on the people living in it. As MPs we are able to effectively represent all of our constituents, regardless of their background or culture.

Equality of Ridings: If the goal is to make each riding's population relatively equal, then demographic trends present a significant problem. It will be many decades before Saskatchewan gets an additional MP, yet most of the growth over the last ten years has been in Regina and Saskatoon and we anticipate this trend will continue in the next ten years. Based on this trend, rural ridings will remain relatively stable in their populations, while Regina and Saskatoon ridings will grow larger and larger. It's quite likely that Regina and Saskatoon would soon have eight MPs, leaving only six for the rest of the province. This will result in a continual decline in our rural voices. We believe that the only way to achieve relative equality is to return to a mixed rural/urban blend of ridings.

Rural/Urban Ridings: Blended rural/urban ridings have served us well in the past. They allowed all ridings to be geographically manageable as well as population balanced. We believe this also represents the true nature of Saskatchewan – a province where our rural natural resources are important to everyone, no matter where you reside. This is demonstrated by the large number of residents who may work in a rural area (farm, mine, oilfield, etc) but choose to live in Regina or Saskatoon. Growth has also been significant in adjacent communities like Martensville, Warman and White City. As an example, a riding that began in Saskatoon and extended into an adjacent community and further into the natural trading range would make sense.

Postal Codes: The current electoral map has drawn riding boundaries right through postal codes like Highway 55 near Smeaton (S0J 2J0) and Choceland (S0J 0M0). This causes significant difficulties because

our mailings are sent via postal code. We would encourage the commission to eliminate or minimize cases like this.

Regina

Prior to 2015, Regina had four MPs. After redistribution Regina was reduced to three MPs, resulting in less representation. We believe the city would be better served by four MPs representing mixed rural/urban ridings. As previously discussed, we believe that Regina is better described as a large rural city that responds to most federal programs like a smaller, rural community.

In Regina there are natural boundaries lines. For example, Lewvan Drive acts as a natural boundary between the east and west parts of the north half of the city. Similarly, the CP rail tracks that run west and east acts as a consistent boundary for the north and south part of Regina. As well, Albert Street acts as an east west boundary line in the south end of the city.

We would submit that the under representation in our city could be fixed with similar boundaries that existed in the 2011 election. There will be continued growth in the Southwest, Northwest, and Southeast parts of Regina. This is highlighted in the Regina City planning projections and which new developments have been approved over the last few years. We have also seen the continued growth in adjacent communities like Balgonie, Pilot Butte, White City and Emerald Park. The trade corridor that exists between Moose Jaw and Regina makes the Palliser riding that had existed from 1997 – 2011 make more sense than the current Moose Jaw – Lake Centre – Lanigan Riding. There are very few similarities between a community like Dundurn on the outskirts of Saskatoon, and a town like Avonlea. There are no connections between these two communities, and they do not share a community of interest. The constituents in Dundurn would do all their commerce in the larger Centre of Saskatoon, and Avonlea residents would do most of their commerce in Moose Jaw or Regina.

We would ask the commission to re-visit the former Regina ridings of Regina – Lumsden-Lake Centre, Palliser, Regina – Qu'Appelle and Wascana to consider these as the blueprints of blended urban/rural ridings. There may need to be some minor tweaks to adjust for population growth, but we feel that this model of ridings would best represent Regina, while allowing the commission to achieve its goals regarding population balancing. Finally, we would submit that this would also be the best option to plan for the future growth that we will see in the city of Regina.

Saskatoon

As noted above, the prior commission reduced Saskatoon from four to three MPs. We disagree with the prior commission's use of simple math to justify this change. We believe the city would be better served by four MPs representing mixed rural/urban ridings and the math can justify that result as well.

The South Saskatchewan River is a major geographic feature in Saskatoon. We believe the prior commission made the correct choice in recognizing this physical dividing line in the city. Even though there are several bridges, the reality is that the community is very different on either side of the river, and those differences have only grown over the last decade. One can look at real estate prices. The median selling price of a single detached dwelling is \$1,000,000 in Nutana compared to \$460,000 in City Park and \$270,000 in Riversdale. Income levels are also significantly higher in Nutana compared to its neighbours across the river.

We believe that the simplest way to provide fair representation to Saskatoon is through mixed rural/urban ridings. The city continues to grow rapidly, particularly in the neighbourhoods of Kensington,

Evergreen, Aspen Ridge, Brighton and Rosewood. It is also important to note the significant growth occurring in the communities adjacent to Saskatoon like Warman and Martensville. These adjacent communities are closely tied to Saskatoon, as many residents work, shop and visit Saskatoon. The last commission did not accept that these close ties to work, shopping, medical services, and family were significant. We strongly disagree and suggest that this is the exact definition of “communities of interest”. As such, we feel that balancing the population increases in Saskatoon through rural/urban ridings is the best solution.

We would ask the commission to re-visit the former Saskatoon ridings of Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar, Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, Saskatoon-Humboldt, and Blackstrap to consider these as the blueprints of blended urban/rural ridings. There may need to be some minor tweaks to adjust for population growth, but we believe that this model of ridings would best represent Saskatoon and area while allowing the commission to achieve its goals regarding population balancing.

Desnethé – Missinippi – Churchill River (DMC)

Since it was created in 1997, this electoral district has been represented by all three major federal political parties (Conservative, Liberal, and NDP). While all parties have won, all parties have also come in third over the years! This electoral district will always be winnable by any of these three parties. Like all electoral districts across Canada, the residents here are also influenced and motivated by the greater federal political landscape.

DMC covers a vast geographical area and its population is as diverse as its landscapes. DMC has a very significant indigenous population (71% in the 2016 census) integrated throughout the entire riding. The indigenous culture is a part of all our communities. Indigenous owned businesses are important to the economy in communities across the electoral district. To win an election in this electoral district, and more importantly win re-election, an MP must demonstrate that they are able to represent every member of a diverse group of residents, not just their voting base. It is also relevant to note that this electoral district has been represented by an indigenous Member of Parliament from all three parties.

We should also consider that the population of DMC is 12% below the quota. In response to public comments by some suggesting changes to the boundaries of the riding, we suggest that removing any part of the electoral district would move the population further below the quota. As the main criteria for electoral district redistribution is population equality, at a minimum, the status quo should be maintained. In the 2012 redistribution, DMC lost some of its southern communities to the more populous electoral district of Prince Albert. Adding back these communities would make the riding closer to average population, while still maintaining the previously discussed diversity that is vital to the social and economic framework of this electoral district. This would also solve some of the split postal code issues as previously discussed.

We thank you for listening to our concerns and wish you all the best as you tackle this important task!

19(1)



Comments - Canada [REDACTED]
SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Mon 2022-07-04 5:07 PM
To:

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 4, 2022 3:48 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Envlosed is my letter or notice to the committee. Re: Participator, Moose Jaw [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] believe in equal representation (one member one votr) to a point.

When the population of cities is large enough and the density of taxpayers in other areas is high enough that 2 provinces can control the vote in a country something needs to change.

A country such as Canada comprised of provinces and territories should have more equal representation based on provinces and territories rather than population based representation.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the needs of a resident on the east vs the west side of Toronto are not that much different, whereas the needs of people in rural settings can change greatly in a few miles.

The committee will notice that I specified NEEDS not WANTS or anything else. Whats can be an overwhelming amount of demands based on personnal whims and inclinations. These should not now or ever even be considered.

Needs on the other hand are basic rights gauranteed to everyone regardless and This is where I believe equal representation by province and territory is much more important the representation by population.

7/4/22, 11:08 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

19(1)

On Mon., Jul. 4, 2022, 8:29 a.m. SK, <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

So pleased you got the rain too.

Just write an email - I can pass it along to the Commission.

Regards,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: July 4, 2022 3:55 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Re: Participator, Moose Jaw - 19(1)

How do I submit a written report?

Was raining nice here. Came straight down for probably two hours. Have not checked but I would guess 5 or 6 tenths.

19(1)

On Sun., Jul. 3, 2022, 8:57 p.m. SK, <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Thank you for letting me know. There are other ways to communicate with the Commission, if you are interested - by the Virtual hearing on July 14th or by written submission before July 15th.

Hope it rains soon.

Regards, Marlene

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From: 19(1)
Sent: July 3, 2022 11:31 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Re: Participator, Moose Jaw 19(1)

19(1)

On Sat., Jul. 2, 2022, 3:43 p.m. SK, <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Good day 19(1)

Further to my earlier email acknowledging receipt of your request to present to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan, I am pleased to inform you of the time fixed for your presentation. The details are as follows:

19(1)

If at all possible, we invite you to come a few minutes early and let me know that you have arrived. According to the rules, all presenters are given 15 minutes for their presentations, including the time to set up and take down any equipment that might be needed. The schedule has been developed with this in mind. If you need more time than this, please advise me and we will try to accommodate you within the schedule.

7/4/22, 11:08 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

If some reason, you cannot make your time or will be late or need to reschedule your time, please advise me as soon as possible at this email address or by phoning me at this toll-free number 1.855.747.7230.

Just to remind you, the purpose of this hearing is to obtain input from the public on whether the Commission has adequately addressed the issues of population parity, communities of interest or identity, geographical size and historical patterns. The Commission needs public input on whether the proposals have met the considerations contained in the governing legislation and common law. At the conclusion of your presentation, the Commissioners may have questions for you.

We are looking forward to your presentation.

Regards, Marlene Rodie

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From: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent: June 15, 2022 4:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Participator, Moose Jaw [REDACTED]

Good day,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have duly noted that you will attend [REDACTED] I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

Regards, Marlene

Marlene Rodie

7/4/22, 11:08 AM

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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 15, 2022 4:18 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: Seat numbers. No 2 provinced should ever be allowed to combined or individially hold more than 40% of the seats or votes in an election.
My comments will be in: English

Comments - Desnethe 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-07-16 6:22 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Morning,

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process.

Regards,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: July 16, 2022 2:21 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Redistribution final comments

I would like to thank the commission members for your time and effort at a very important juncture of our democracy. Recent activity with our southern neighbour around the Jan 6th hearings has shaken the foundations of all democracies across the globe. Thank goodness for principled people and good process that stopped the hijacking of the largest democracy of all - the United States of America. It is on this note that I wish to submit my final correspondence regarding the suggested changes to the Densethe Missinipi Churchill River (DMCR) riding.

Shakespeare's often used quote "the lady doth protest too much, me thinks" is what my immediate thought was in response to the criticism of the boundary suggested for DMCR. What is the basis of this critique? Why wouldn't people celebrate the better reflective boundary of people within the DMCR? A more concentrated and democratic version of the people of their shared land, is visionary.

The commission has been brave and bold as you are correct in the direction you are undertaking. DMCR is huge (57% of Saskatchewan's land mass), the road system is horrible and the communities are disconnected. The participation rate in federal elections is trending downwards at an alarming rate for DMCR. People feel disconnected and it's time to bring back the value of recognizing who we are and why we should count. Lumping northern people in with rural communities is anti democratic as our customs, languages, practises, economy, social values, priorities, and a host of other interests are radically different from each other. Numbers cannot be the only value in dictating whether we have our own specific seat or not. The "other stuff has to count too", is my argument.

Precedence has been set in Nfld and the vastness of Nunavut has also been incorporated as a reason to recognize people of the common community. Those that say "we will bring the people together" have presided over dwindling northern and indigenous voter numbers for their own political

7/16/22, 12:22 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

interests. Simply put DMCR northern and indigenous interests have been sidelined over this "numbers" game. The "numbers game", then frustrate the northern and indigenous voters and they protest by not participating to the extent they can. People sense manipulation and it turns them off and away from the polls. We need them re-engaged fully.

In the spirit of reconciliation and fairness, this is an exciting step forward. The Northern Administration District (NAD) line separates Northern Saskatchewan from the rest of the province. This "buckskin curtain" or "DNS line" has been recognized for decades. Northerners are very proud of this designation.

The province also recognizes this "special place". Saskatchewan has its own Northern Municipalities Act that lines up with the NAD. Both the provincial constituencies of Athabasca and Cumberland use the NAD line as the southern cut off. The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) also have their own director from the NAD region. The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) also recognizes this line. Large corporations (Cameco, Areva, etc) use the NAD as the geographical preference of their hiring policy for employees and contractors. The list goes on.

I would close on this note. The precedence has been set, the unfairness can be addressed, the northern and indigenous people need not suffer anymore from these historical injustices of exclusion, and give the north her due. Stay the course, recognize and adjust for the NAD line and democracy for DMCR will rise and speak for herself. I sincerely thank you for your time and attention on this very important matter. God bless.

19(1)

Comments, [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thu 2022-06-16 2:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Day:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process. If you would like to present your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

Regards,
Marlene

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 15, 2022 10:01 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Boundary

[REDACTED] We identify with Prince Albert or NorthBattleford rather than the present riding of Desethne.Missinippi.

[REDACTED]

Comments 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sun 2022-07-03 2:49 PM

To:

19(1)

Good Morning,

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process. If you would like to present your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings or our virtual hearing on July 14th, please let me know.

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From: 19(1)

Sent: July 3, 2022 7:06 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Feedback on proposed ridings in SK

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the proposed electoral boundaries for Desnethe--Missinippi--Churchill River as the proposed boundaries reduce the riding's population to be significantly below the provincial average. I propose that the riding maintains its existing boundaries, as it would still have a population below the provincial average, while maintaining the riding's existing community ties.

Furthermore, since the populations of existing ridings in Saskatchewan generally do not deviate much from the average, the existing boundaries should largely be maintained. This means that the boundaries for Saskatoon should not be significantly altered, to maintain existing community ties.

7/3/22, 8:50 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

I approve of the changes made to Regina's boundaries to bring the populations in line with the average.

I hope you take my recommendations into consideration.

Thank you very much,

19(1)

To: The Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission

From:

[REDACTED]

It has come to our attention that at the recent public forum held at the Kikinahk Friendship Centre in La Ronge on June 24th, 2022, several false statements were made about the current Member of Parliament, as well as the community in general.

The first comment that we take issue with is

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Having an office in La Ronge doesn't mean that the Member of Parliament is present and active in the community.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The statement that we need a representative **from** the tri-community to properly represent us is false.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

While it would obviously be great to have a representative that

lives and works in our community, I'm sure that every community across the north, and all of Canada would wish the same.

Communities across Northern Saskatchewan, as well as the southern belt of the riding include First Nations, Metis, and non-Indigenous peoples. We embrace close partnerships on the personal, business, municipal, and regional levels with everyone. We sit across kitchen tables from one another, marry into each other's families, play sports with one another, go into business with one another, and tackle life's issues side by side.

The communities of Goodsoil, Spiritwood, Pierceland, Big River, Canwood, Debden, Christopher Lake, Candle Lake, and Meadow Lake all have significant challenges in transportation, cost-of-living, and business development like what we face here in the tri-community. They also have close relationships with First Nations and Metis communities that are nearby like we do with the Lac La Ronge Indian Band and Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation.

We strongly oppose the proposed boundaries for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River and request that the commission strongly consider keeping the current boundary line.

Thank you for taking the time to read our comments, we look forward to your updated proposal in the Fall.

Comments

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Wed 2022-06-22 3:55 PM
To:

Good Morning

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments stated in this and your earlier email and thank you for your interest in this important democratic process. As I mentioned in my earlier, if you would like to present your views to the Commission at one of our public hearings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 22, 2022 1:06 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Proposed changes to the existing DMC

I do not agree with the proposed changes. We need more population in this riding. Not less. Distances are too great as it is to cover and support. Gary Vidal is doing a tremendous job

Sent from my iPhone

Comments [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-20 3:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good evening [REDACTED], I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process. If you would like to present your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

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From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** June 19, 2022 1:49 AM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** DMC

To who it may concern

I for one do not see the necessity for changes to the DMC boundaries.

The riding as is is working.

If anything we need more population not less.

I strongly disagree with these proposed changes.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

July 13. 2002

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
PO Box 21031 RPO Gardiner Park
Regina , Saskatchewan
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Dear Commission :

Re Concerns Regarding Electoral Boundary Changes

I am writing this submission 19(1) has some serious concerns in regards to the proposed boundary changes for our current riding of Desnethe-Missinippi- Churchill. I have read through the basic reasoning used to adjust the boundary and agree with the premise provided. However, we do not feel that the commission has taken into account the identity and historical patterns that exist in our community. We also feel this applies to the Village of Debden and the Town of Big River. I have contacted them and both feel, as do we that they would not be effectively represented if the proposed boundary changes were implemented. Our socio-economic connections are much stronger with the Prince Albert area, than anything west of our current location. Much of our history, identity and social patterns are linked to the Prince Albert area, or to the area north of us.

In summary, let me say that we wish to disagree with the proposed boundary changes as strongly as words allow. We feel that the timeline was rushed, and communities and municipalities could have used more time to communicate these proposed changes to voters. We are hoping that it is not to late for you to consider our proposals.

They are:

1. Leave us where we are, we are ok with the current boundary.
2. If you must move our community to a different riding then let it be Prince Albert, to which our community and others along Highway 55, have a much stronger connection.

I would like to thankyou for your consideration, if there is further action you can suggest that we follow up on, to further our proposals, please let me know. 19(1)

19(1)

Regards,

19(1)

cc Honorable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan
Gary Vidal, MP for Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River



Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-16

RIM ID: 1655397760RHWKQDCSGK

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The changes proposed to this district are unjustified. Using Labrador as an example is silliness, it is separated from it's neighbouring district by an entire ocean. The Labrador example is driven in large part by geography, this district is not.

There is no actual reason to make this change other than to reduce the chances of a Conservative winning this district. This is blatant manipulation and should not be permitted. This is a huge leap past the maximum 25% deviation and is happening for now discernible reason.

I just tried to make the map look the same as before, I know it's not, but that's what I was aiming for.

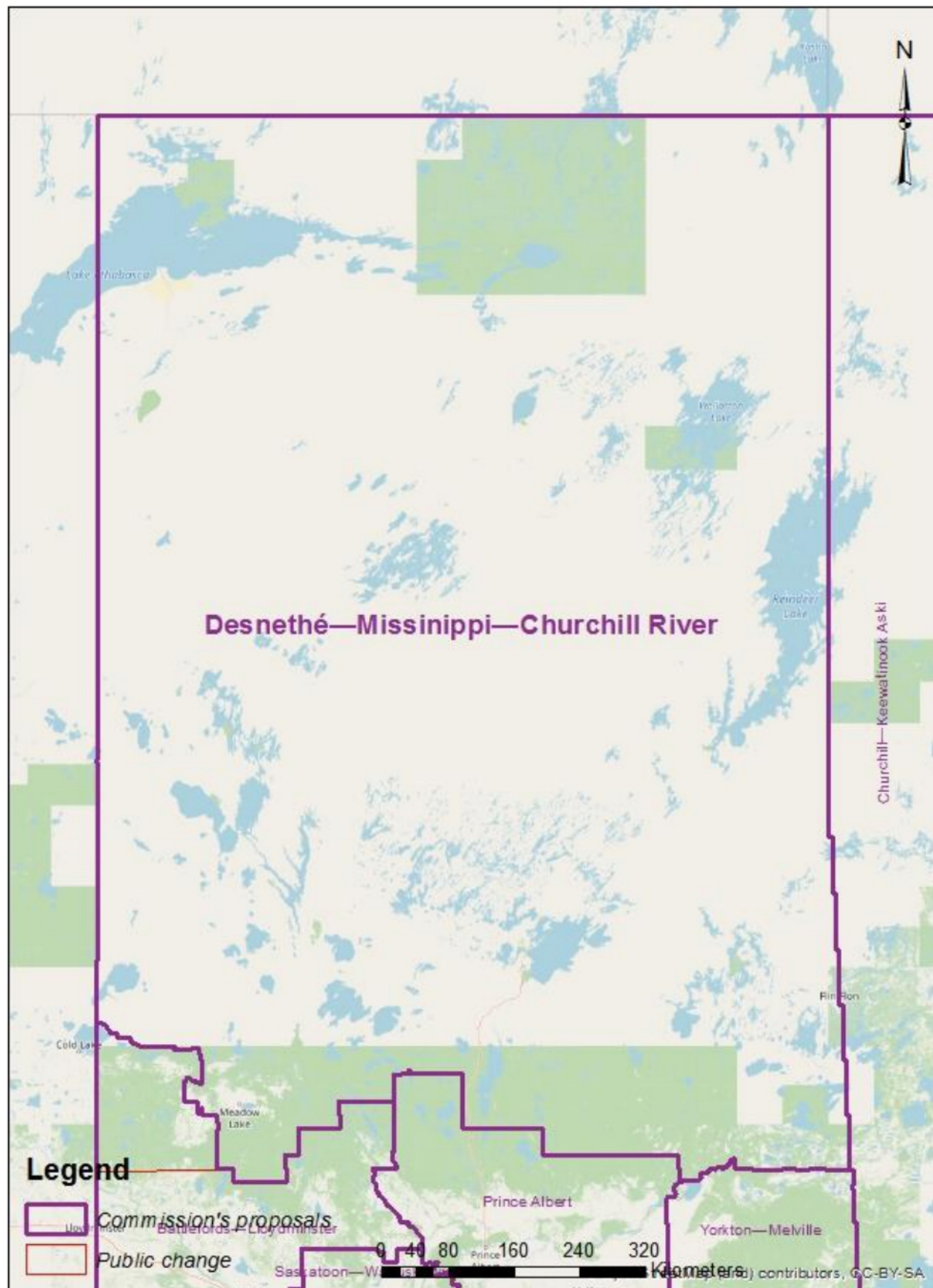
Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47002

Name to modify: Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River /
Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River

New name: Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River /
Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River

Attachments:

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



Participant - [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-24 12:06 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good evening [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. I have duly noted that you will attend [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 23, 2022 9:16 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing - Fort Qu'Appelle - July 7

Good Afternoon,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] feels that the proposed re-alignment does not best represent our interests and would like that comment noted for the record.

[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Comments [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-03 2:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. I have forwarded a copy to the Commission. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process. If you are interested in presenting your position before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** June 2, 2022 9:30 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Redistribution

6/3/22, 6:04 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

I am strongly opposed to this redistribution of boundaries. [19(1)]

[19(1)] Why would I want to be represented by someone living two thirds of the width of the province away from me? The desire by city residents [19(1)] to have urban only tidings puts the rest of us at a terrible disadvantage. Proximity to the centre of a constituency should override rural/urban populations in the determining of boundaries

Sent from my iPad

Dear Electoral Boundary Committee or Whomever it May Concern,

The proposed change makes very little sense for the town of Raymore and surrounding area. Please take careful notice of the change and how it directly affects our area. Currently, we are part of the Regina-Qu'appelle riding. Under the new proposed electoral map, Raymore would be in the Kindersley-Rosetown riding.

It goes without saying that we have more reason to stay in our current riding, than move to a riding with a massive geographical difference that shares very little (to no) similarities with our area. The proposed change would take Raymore out of the riding that we share with neighbouring towns within the same school division, sports leagues, business owners, and various other factors that come along with the geographical similarities. Without even considering our neighbouring small towns, Raymore's livelihood has a great deal to do with the Regina area. Many people commute to Regina for work or essential shopping, many business owners in Raymore are from Regina, and many of our events and community attractions (such as the pool, summerslam, etc) rely heavily on people driving up highway #6 and coming to Raymore. The people in our area are traveling to Regina for hospitals, dentists, medical treatments, recreation, non-essential shopping, schooling and university, etc. In addition to this, Raymore shares many community building ties with neighbouring communities (such as Southey) in regards to sports, volunteers, fundraising, etc. Raymore has many linkages with the rest of the communities in Regina Qu'Appelle.

There is no doubt that Raymore's trade and traffic patterns flow down the #6 to Regina. The number of people who live in Raymore and surrounding area, but work in Regina is significant. It cannot be stressed enough that Wynyard and Raymore have significantly more linkages with communities running south toward Regina than with smaller communities running towards the Alberta border. Regina is 100km away, whereas Kindersley is 340km away. Speaking for myself, currently, I have a business in Dafoe, Raymore, and a business operating in Regina. None of these have any similarities to the Kindersley-Rosetown area.

How can we possibly be represented properly when we are so far apart, we don't share similar economic and personal factors, and we have no connection to Kindersley?

In fact, in the 2012 redistribution, the Commissioners stated:

"The Commission has attempted to ensure that municipal boundaries have been respected wherever possible and that towns and small- to medium-sized cities have not been divided with different portions assigned to each of two adjacent districts." The current proposal for Regina Qu'Appelle has boundaries that cross RMs that will lead to a great deal of voter confusion.

On top of this, as a part of the Kindersley-Rosetown riding, we would be a very long way away from our elected MP. This sort of geographical difference makes it very difficult to have our

voices heard and feel as though our needs/concerns are being addressed. It should be commonplace to rub shoulders with your elected MP. You should be able to bring up issues and have good conversations with the elected official who is in charge of your riding. As part of this new electoral map, citizens of Raymore and surrounding area would almost never be at community events or special occasions in which we would find ourselves in the same room as the MP. Currently, as part of the Regina-Qu'appelle district, there are at least a dozen events per year in which citizens of Raymore would cross paths with the MP.

I am asking that you please reconsider the new electoral map. The shifting of the current electoral riding looks to be a waste of taxpayer money and government resources. I am all for making changes if it makes sense and improves livelihood. However, in this case, there is no actual benefit to making this change and a whole list of negative aspects. In uncertain times like these, with surging inflation and geo-political instability, please do not take the good things we have away from us. Please let our voices and concerns be heard and allow democracy to have its day. Please do not change our electoral riding, please use the time, money, and effort to tackle real issues in our province.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter,

19(1)





Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-26

RIM ID: 1653530469AUWEYECVOH

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Rosetown and Kindersley are the names of two small towns in the western half of the new riding and do not represent the ridings as a whole. Better would be geographical or regional names. Last Mountain is a prominent lake and conservation area in the eastern part of the riding. Heartland is the name of the Statistics Canada Health Region which overlaps most of the western part of the ridings (and include both Rosetown and Kindersley).

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47003

Name to modify: Kindersley—Rosetown /
Kindersley—Rosetown

New name: Heartland-Last Mountain /
Heartland-Last Mountain

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Saskatchewan**

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-13

RIM ID: 1652454863RYMHEQWDOJ

Type of comments received:

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

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

For this riding, I suggest to to follow the provincially legislated Northern Saskatchewan Administration District (NSAD) boundary ("northern Saskatchewan"). The only difference between using the NSAD boundary and the proposed boundary is the inclusion of the City of Meadow Lake. Meadow Lake is not included in the NSAD as it has no functional connection to the NSAD and very little cultural connection and has always been a bone of contention with residents of the NSAD as Meadow Lake is much larger than any NSAD community, which affects candidate diversity and vote impact. I can only presume that the provincial electoral boundaries follow the NSAD boundary for these reasons. Since it has been stated in a news article that the commission is making an exception to its population rule for this riding, and for the reasons noted above, it would make more sense if the boundary of this riding followed the NSAD boundary.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47002

Name to modify: Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River /
Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River

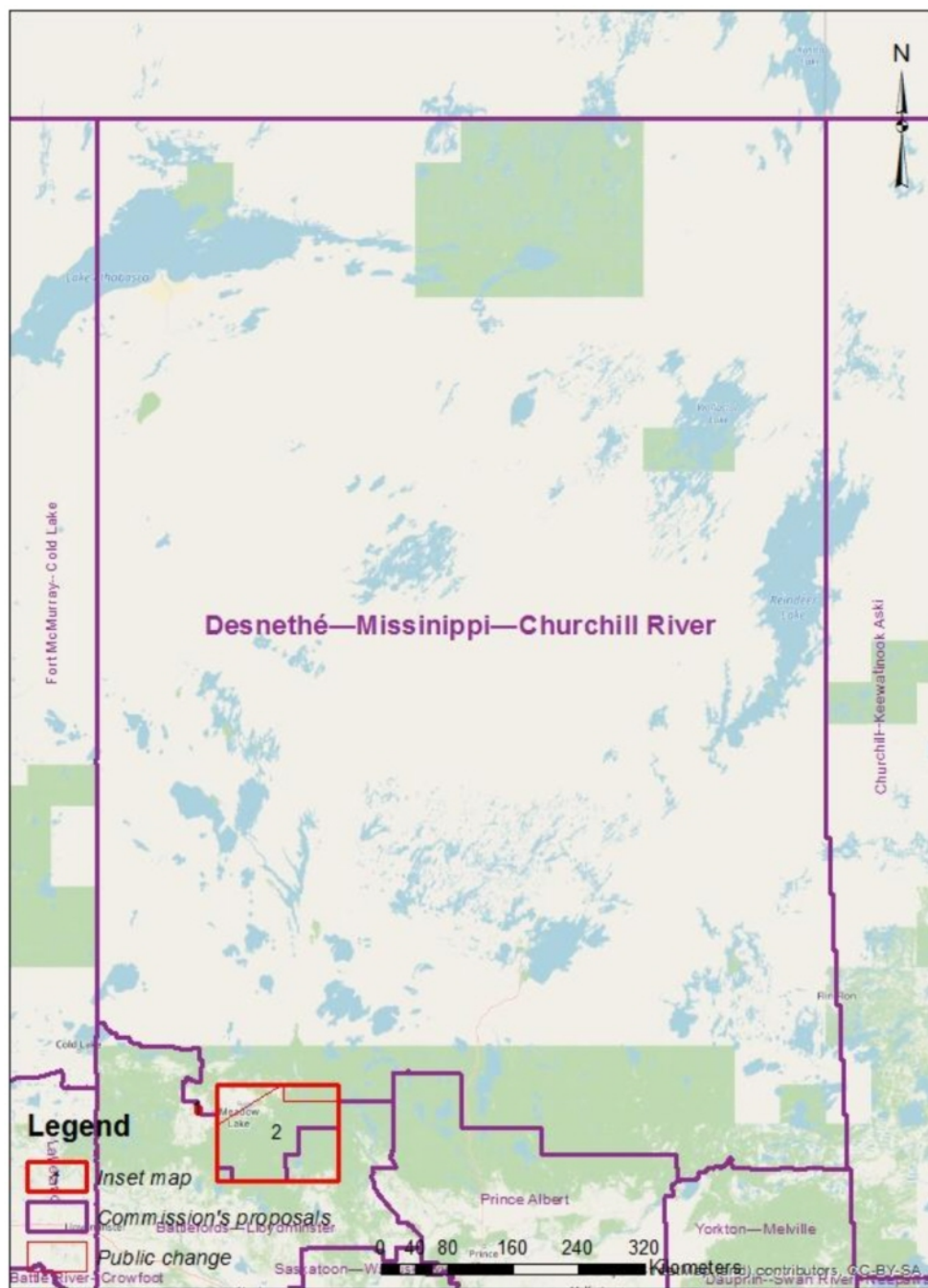
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Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River

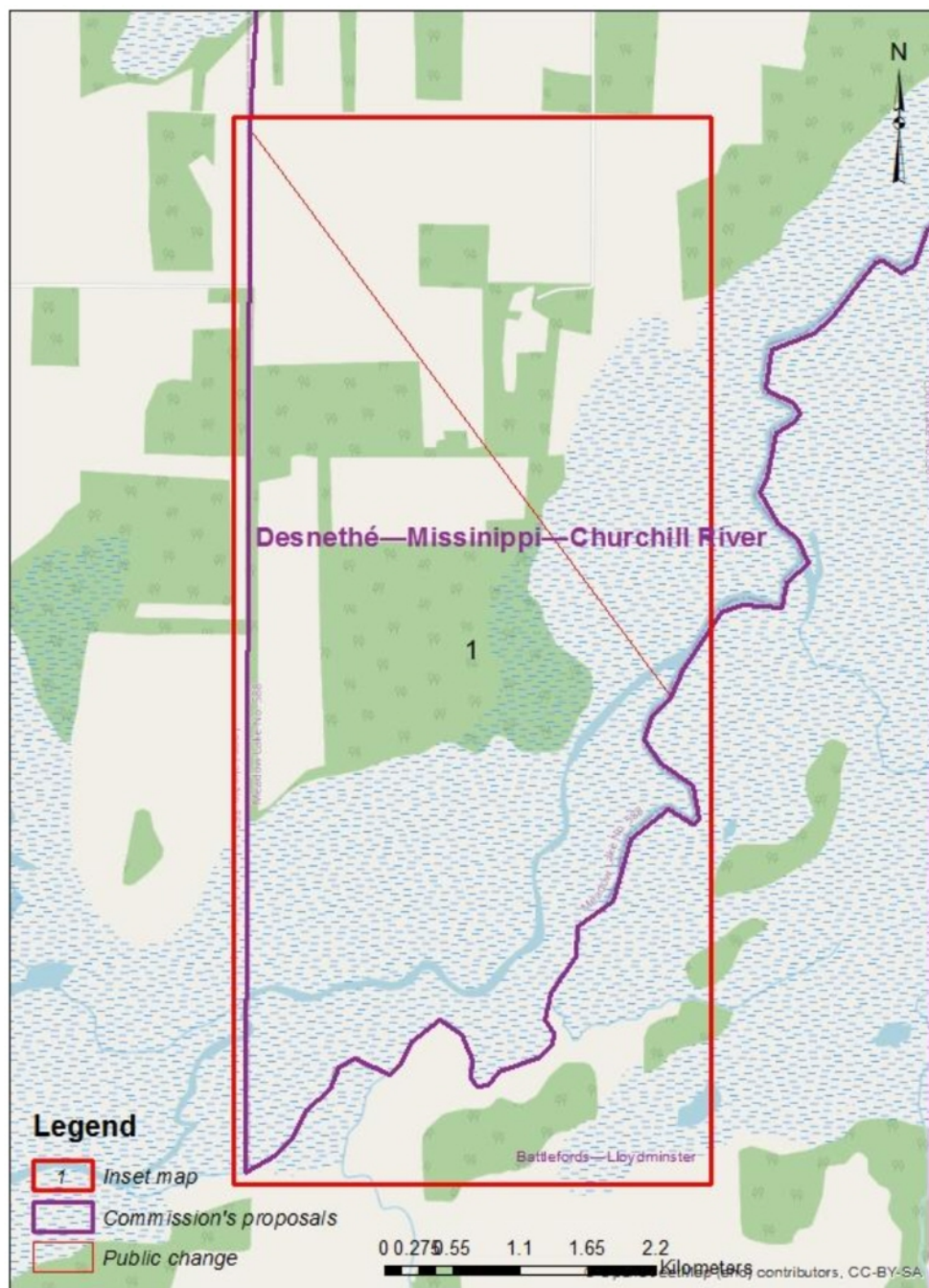
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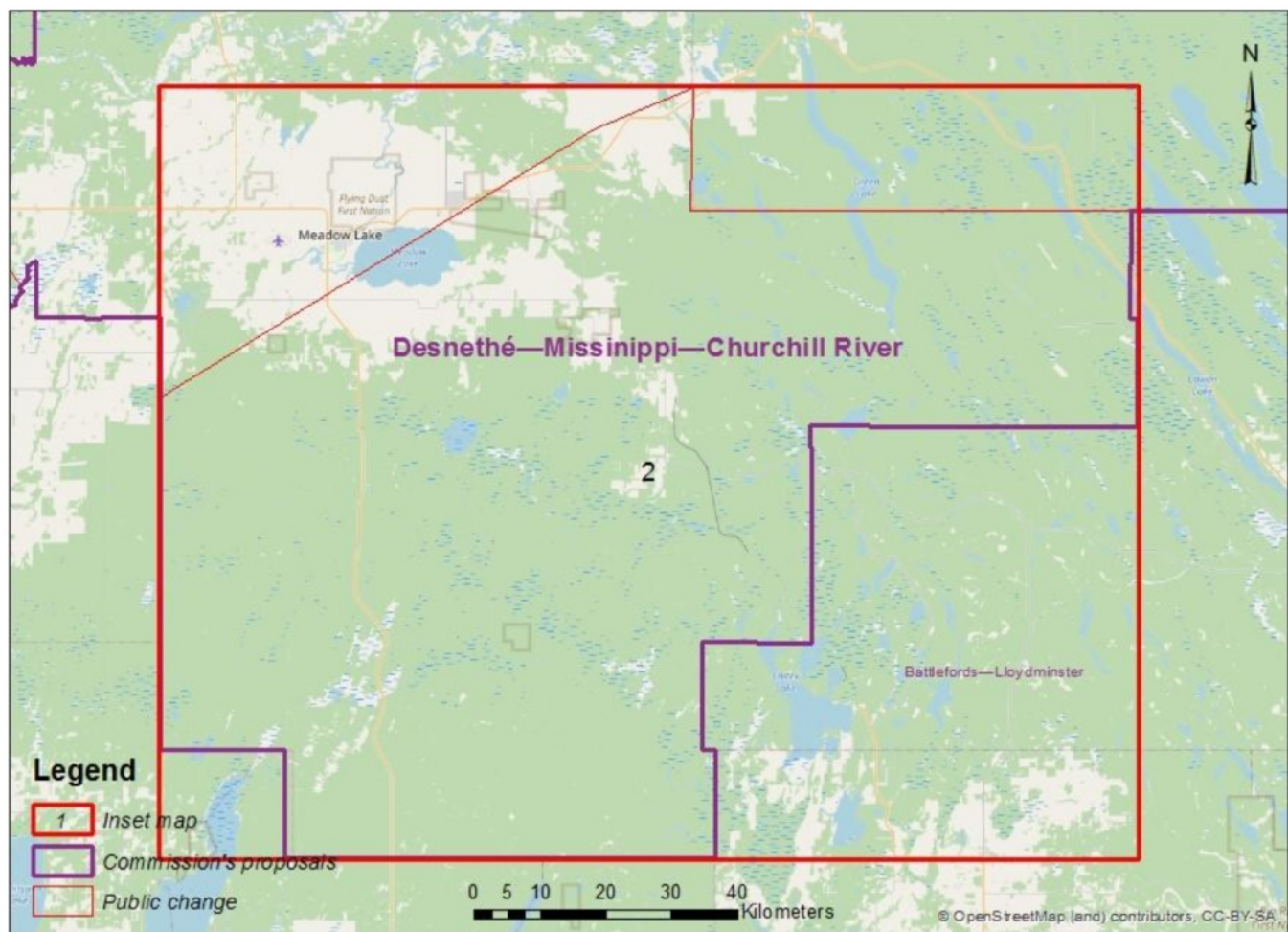
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Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:

Friday June 24, 2022 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM







19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 9:13 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Morning 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have noted that you will 19(1) I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

Regards, Marlene

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 13, 2022 8:43 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: 19(1) it is vital that considerations for boundaries reflect the Northern Half of the province, language, culture and values. I want to make a case to make the boundaries for the NAD district line.
My comments will be in: English

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19(1)

Tue 2022-06-21 3:31 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

19(1)

Dear 19(1) I wish to voice our concerns with the redistribution of the Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River electoral boundaries.

This will greatly reduce the voting population of the north and we feel we would be under represented.

With less representation we feel the North's voice would not be heard.

We would strongly support keeping it the same.

19(1)

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thu 2022-06-16 3:17 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Day 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I note that you will appear as 19(1). Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process. If you are interested in presenting your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

Regards, Marlene

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 14, 2022 12:15 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: Better presentation for people with disabilities in the north.
My comments will be in: English

Electoral Boundaries

19(1)

Wed 2022-07-13, 3:33 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Saskatchewan Commission:

There is no legitimate reason to change the present electoral boundaries in Saskatchewan. The proposed changes put present economic centres (larger towns) in different constituencies. This affects how the electorate relates to the MP and also the access voters will have to their MP. In rural Saskatchewan, distances are great and the proposed changes increase the size (in square kilometers) of a couple of the constituencies.

Because Elections Canada has access to the results of each poll in the most recent election, it seems that redistribution is targeting specific areas of constituencies (polls) as well as certain constituencies to effect a particular outcome. This is concerning.

Our concern for our constituency, Battlefords-Lloydminster, is that the proposed changes enlarges our already large geographical area and adds areas which are served by economic hubs outside the constituency.

The timing of this whole exercise is also concerning. Holding public meetings in the later part of June and early July when the school year is winding down, spring sports are finishing and provincial competitions are happening guarantees poor participation as many electors are busy with family activities. It is also a busy time for our farmers.

We feel that this whole exercise is unnecessary. True election reform needs to take place and that should be done by referendum.

Please take our concerns under consideration and leave the electoral map as it is (across the country).

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Wed 2022-06-08 9:31 PM

To: 19(1)

Cc:

Dear 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. I have duly noted that you wish to appear before the Commission 19(1)

19(1) I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 8, 2022 8:19 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

6/8/22, 3:31 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

Cc: 19(1)

Subject: Appearance at Meadow Lake, June 27, 2022

To whom it may concern:

19(1)

We believe 19(1) has a perspective that can be helpful to the Commission.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 2022-06-21 1:17 PM

To: 19(1)

Good day,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have duly noted that you will attend 19(1) I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 21, 2022 12:29 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from Harvey Harriott

19(1)

My subject: 19(1) would like to voice our opinion against this proposal. We are receiving communication from our rate payers that this new proposal has many faults and no benefits.
My comments will be in: English

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-03 3:16 PM

To: 19(1)

Dear 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have duly noted that you wish to appear before the Commission in 19(1) to speak to the proposed ridings. I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

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From: 19(1)**Sent:** June 3, 2022 2:09 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Public Participation

Please accept this email as my request to participate at a public hearing.

19(1)

Overview of Issues: Concerns of proposed boundaries

Language: English

19(1)

Re: Public Hearing Participation from Ken Thomas**SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**

Mon 2022-06-06 10:12 PM

To: 19(1)

Bcc: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Georgina Jackson <Georgina.Jackson@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Bonita Beatty <Bonita.Beatty@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Mark Carter <Mark.Carter@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Erin Moseley-Williams <Erin.Moseley-Williams@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have duly noted that you wish to appear before the Commission in 19(1) and have accordingly scheduled you for that time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

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From: 19(1)**Sent:** June 6, 2022 9:01 PM

6/8/22, 5:22 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

19(1)



My comments will be in: English

7/2/22, 2:54 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Wed 2022-06-29 2:00 PM

To:

19(1)

Bcc:

- SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>;
- Georgina Jackson <Georgina.Jackson@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>;
- Bonita Beatty <Bonita.Beatty@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>;
- Mark Carter <Mark.Carter@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>;
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Good Morning 19(1)

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Circonscriptions fédérales**From:** 19(1)**Sent:** June 28, 2022 8:06 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: The new ridings in our area don't make sense for the communities where we live at all. People

7/2/22, 2:54 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

shortly outside of Moose Jaw would be lumped in with north central Sask communities like Kindersley we have absolutely nothing to do with. A North/South split made way more sense and everybody I know thinks these new boundaries will leave us much worse off.

My comments will be in: English



Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-07-14

RIM ID: 1657763064QPQEITCBDC

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

These points will also be presented to the Sask Electoral Boundaries Commission via Zoom Call on July 14th

1) Outlook

has been the subject of several redistribution changes

2) Outlook has been on the fringe and not part of an economic focus

3) Kindersley isn't big enough to justify hosting its own federal riding

4) Kindersley doesn't have Service Canada

or other Federal Government services

5) With a few smaller centres, the proposed riding of Kindersley-Rosetown would mean

poorer Federal services representation - Kindersley 4,597 Rosetown 2,451 Outlook 2,279 Biggar 2,161

Watrous 1,865 Davidson 1,025

6) Moose Jaw has key government agency offices - Sask Water - Water Security

Agency - Services Canada 7) Outlook and the Rural Irrigation economy needs the support of the government services

offered in Moose Jaw Kindersley—Rosetown /

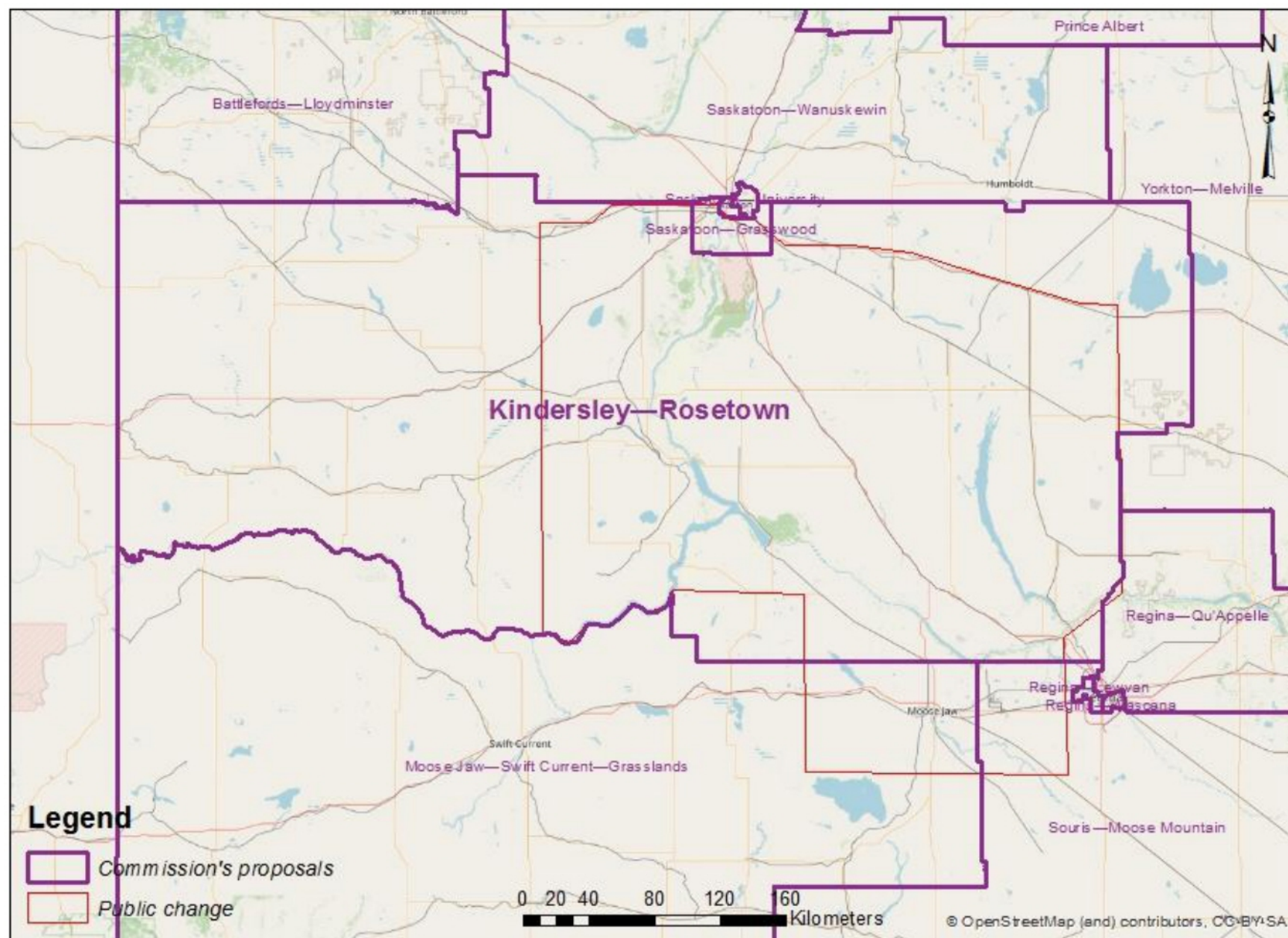
8) We need an Electoral District focused on the area's economic activities and opportunities

New name: Moose Jaw - Outlook - Irrigation Centre /
Kindersley—Rosetown

Attachments:

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

Thursday July 14, 2022 1:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM



19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 3:46 AM

To: 19(1)

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 12, 2022 11:17 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation from Merlyn Friesen

19(1)

My subject: - The proposed new riding of Kindersley-Rosetown would mean much poorer representation for 19(1) Outlook

- The MP office in Kindersley would be poorly staffed and the MP probably wouldn't live in the riding
- Kindersley isn't nearly big enough to justify hosting its own federal riding
- Kindersley isn't a community with regional influence, and doesn't have Service Canada or other government services
- A riding with an urban anchor means better constituency services and representation

My comments will be in: English

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 3:59 AM

To: 19(1)

Bcc: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Georgina Jackson <Georgina.Jackson@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Bonita Beatty <Bonita.Beatty@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Mark Carter <Mark.Carter@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>; Erin Moseley-Williams <Erin.Moseley-Williams@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 12, 2022 11:30 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: - Moose Jaw is one of Western Canada's oldest cities, culturally distinct, diverse, growing, and warrants serving as an urban home base for a larger rural riding as it always has been
- With the demographic growth of both Moose Jaw and Swift Current respectively, a new redraw will soon be necessitated to split them back up into two separate ridings anyways
- This new redraw will be perceived as punitive and a slight to most Moose Javians and will profoundly reduce our federal influence
My comments will be in: English

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 3:53 AM

To: 19(1)

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 12, 2022 11:21 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: 19(1) and relies on Moose Jaw entirely but we would no longer have an MP in Moose Jaw.

19(1)

- Why would you put two of Saskatchewan's top 5 cities in one riding in a province with 14 seats
- Why would the Moose Jaw-Regina highway be part of the Weyburn Estevan riding when those people all rely on both MJ and Regina
My comments will be in: English

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-06-11 4:54 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Morning 19(1)

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From: 19(1)**Sent:** June 11, 2022 4:38 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

19(1)



My subject: 1) New boundaries will mean far worse representation for most constituents in southwest and central Saskatchewan. MJ & SC must have their own MP

2) Common infrastructure, economic activity, communities of interest should be basis of ridings. Importance of highway between Swift Current and Moose Jaw far less than Moose Jaw-Regina Corridor.

3) Kindersley-Rosetown would have no Service Canada location or other government services. MP would be forced to act as de facto Service Canada reps.

My comments will be in: English

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-07-02 1:27 PM

To:

19(1)

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From: 19(1)

Sent: July 1, 2022 11:03 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: The Moose Jaw Regina corridor should not be grouped in with the south and southeastern riding because our communities have little to do with Weyburn but trade nearly exclusively with Regina or Moose Jaw. This new map is bad for our representation and we ought to change it.

My comments will be in: English

19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-07-04 3:52 PM

To:

19(1)

Good Morning 19(1)

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process. If you would like to present your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings or our virtual hearing on July 14th, please let me know.

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From: 19(1)

Sent: July 4, 2022 5:01 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Prince Albert Federal Riding

Hello,

I am writing to inform you that the communities of Melfort and St. Brieux Saskatchewan are virtually linked communities and should be in the same federal riding of Prince Albert. St. Brieux residents do their shopping in Melfort almost daily, and most of the hundreds of employees at Bourgault Industries live in Melfort. They are in the same Provincial jurisdiction, and I hope the federal commission can recognize how closely linked these communities are. Melfort also shares close regional ties with Nipawin and Tisdale, so keeping the three cities in the Prince Albert riding makes a lot of sense. I only write in hopes that St. Brieux could be added. I don't envy your position though, best of luck!

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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New: Y

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Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

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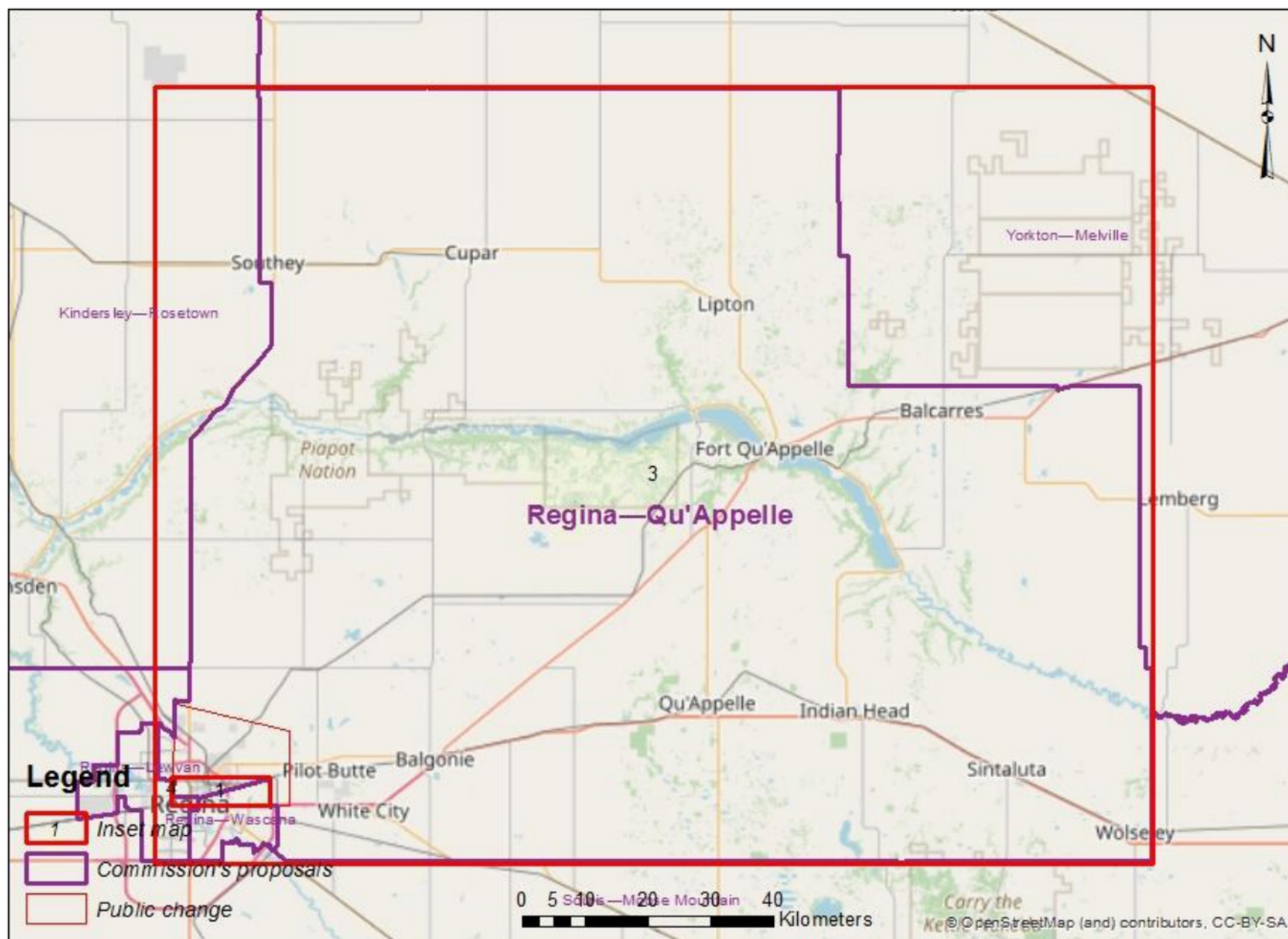
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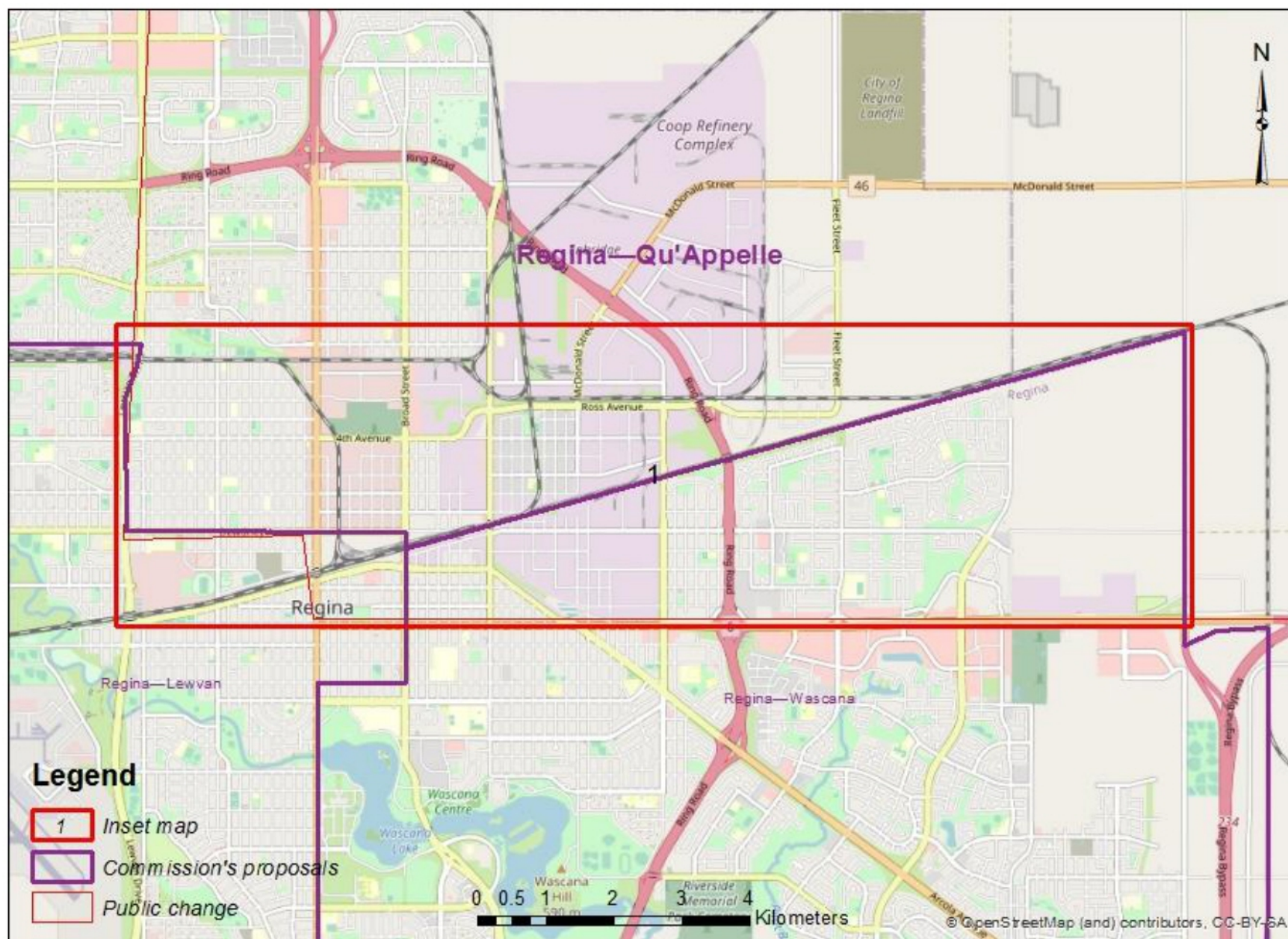
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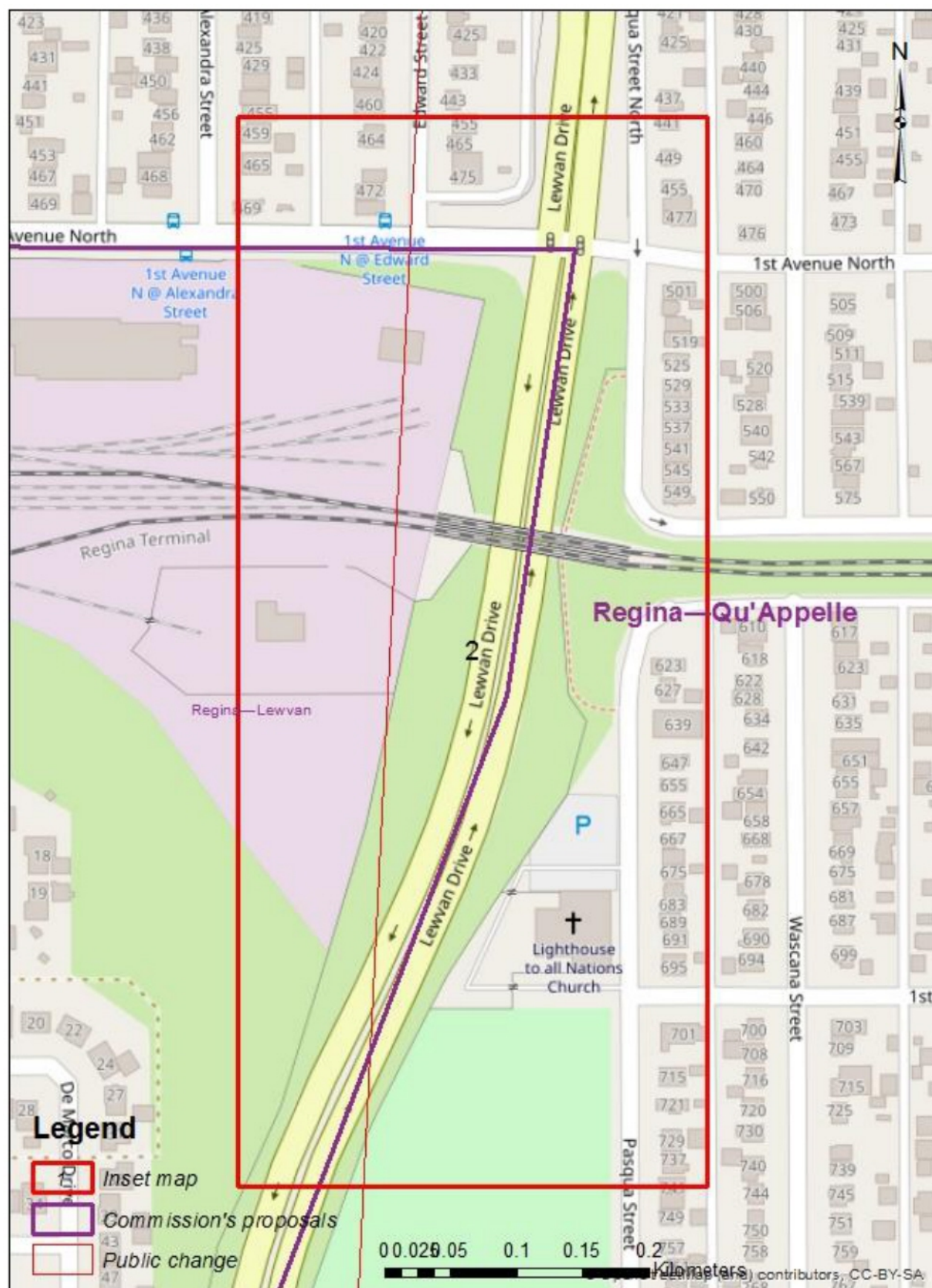
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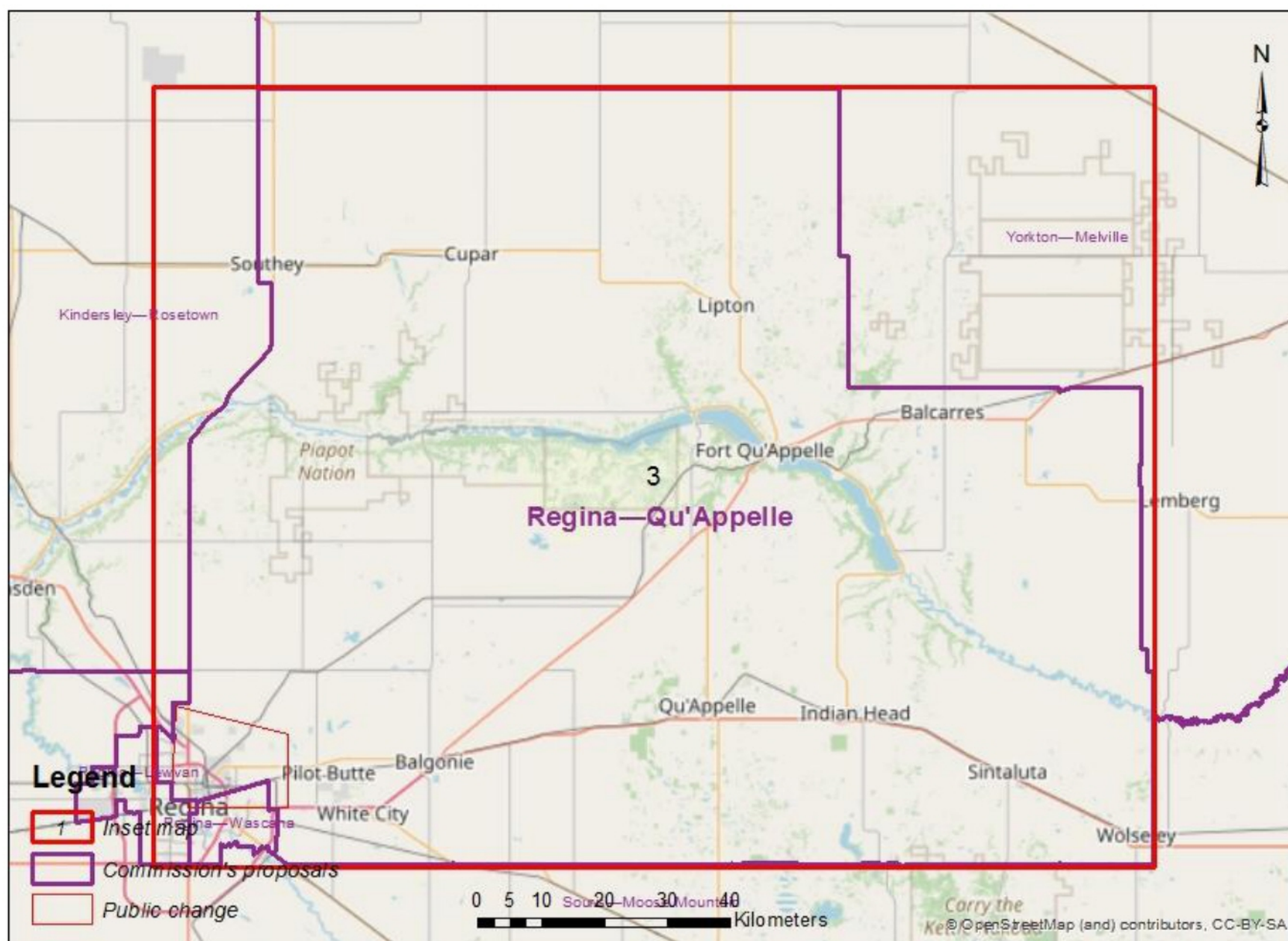
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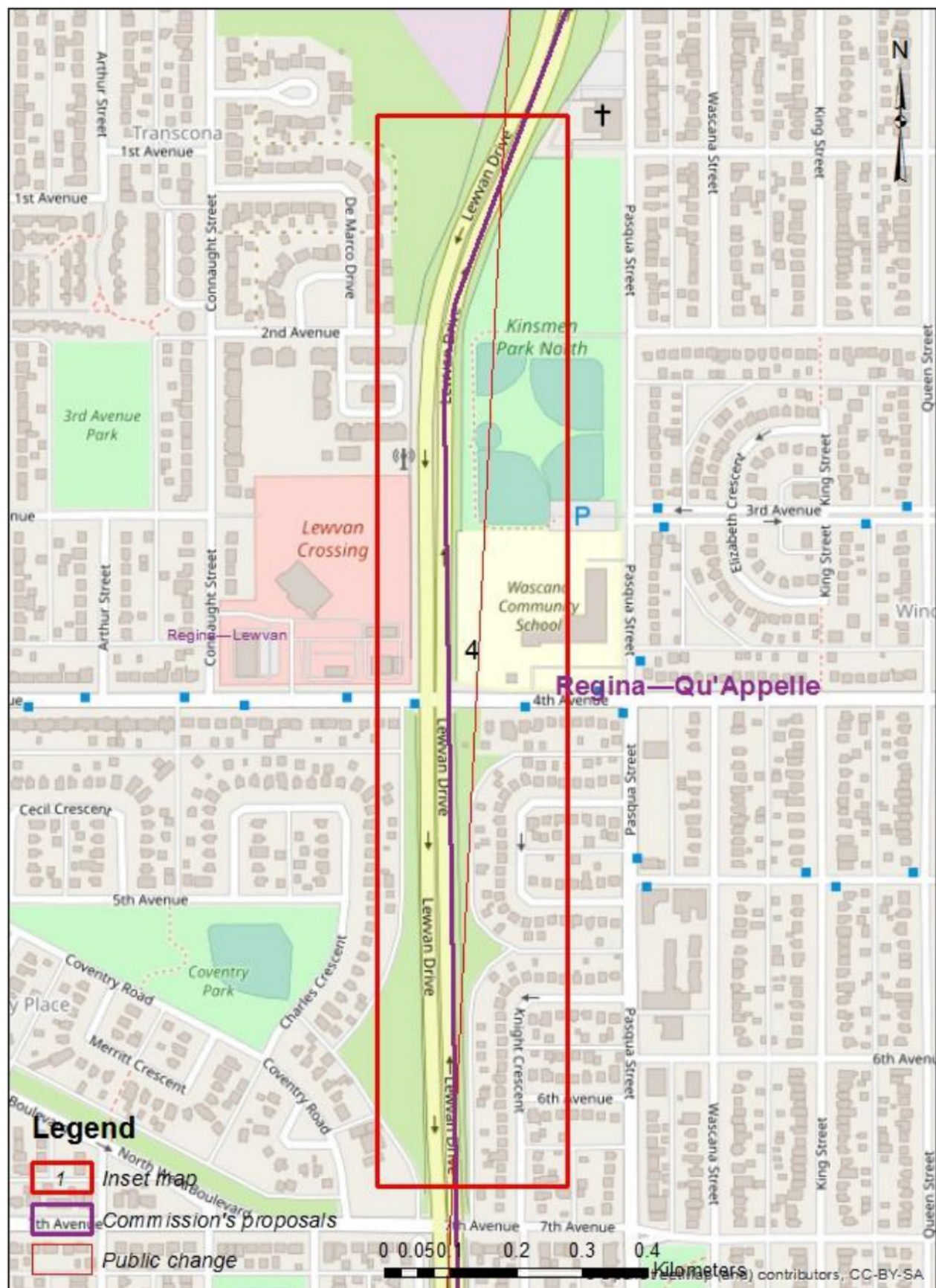
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Mon 2022-06-13 10:01 PM

To: 19(1)

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Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

Regards, Marlene

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 13, 2022 9:35 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Cc: 19(1)

Subject: Re: Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries

June 13, 2022

Attn: Marlene Rodie, Secretary, Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission

Notice of Representation:

Dear Ms. Rodie:

Thank you for your invitation (June 9, 2022 email attached below) to appear in person before the Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission. I do wish to appear in person before the Commission to provide my response to the Commission's proposal.

Here is the information you requested:

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Short overview of the issues I intend to address:

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It is from these vantage points that I wish to discuss these following elements with the Commission:

- The necessity of combining natural groupings of communities together in ridings, using natural boundaries (including roads which are major arteries in our cities, etc.) and using transportation and economic patterns that enhance these natural groupings within those ridings.
- Regina should have four Members of Parliament representing its population, just as Saskatoon (of a similar population) has four Members of Parliament representing its population.

19(1)

Thank you again for the invitation. I appreciate the opportunity to address the Commission on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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From: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 12:16 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries

[***EXTERNE/EXTERNAL***]

Good Day,

(Le français suit)

Re: Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries

As part of the Commission's ongoing outreach with respect to the federal electoral boundaries process, the Saskatchewan Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission would like to remind you about the upcoming hearings that will be taking place across the Province commencing June 20, 2022 in Saskatoon and continuing until July 14, 2022. Here is a [link](#) to the dates and locations of the public hearings.

The purpose of the hearings is to allow for public input into the Commission's Proposal, which puts forward a suggested new electoral map for Saskatchewan's federal electoral boundaries. The Proposal can be found by clicking on this [link](#) (a PDF version is also attached). Moreover, if you would like a paper copy of the proposal, please send us your mail address and one will be sent to you free of charge.

This Proposal is a key starting point in the federal electoral boundaries process. It forms the basis of the discussions that will take place regarding the readjustment of Saskatchewan's federal boundaries.

The Commission wants to hear from you

To submit a request to appear in person, for scheduling purposes, the Commission would appreciate receiving notice from you one week before the scheduled date of the hearing where you wish to appear. Alternatively, if you want to present your comments, but do not want to appear before the Commission, the deadline is July 15th, 2022.

If you wish to appear in person before the Commission, please provide:

- your name, address and contact information
- the organization you represent (if any)
- the date of the public hearing where you wish to attend
- a short overview of the issues you intend to address
- your official language of preference
- any accommodations you may need

You may also send any supporting documentation that you would like the Commission to review.

You can send this information to the Commission Secretary by:

- emailing it to sk@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
- mailing it to Sk Electoral Boundaries Commission, P.O. Box 21031 Gardiner Park PO, Regina, Sk S4V 0Y0
- filling out the [Public Hearing Notice Form](#) online at redistribution2022.ca (click on “The commissions,” select “Saskatchewan” and then click on “Public participation”)
- using the [Interactive Mapping Tool](#) at redistribution2022.ca (click on “The commissions,” select “Saskatchewan” and then click on “Public participation”. Please note that there is available a mapping tool zip file called [Digital Proposed Boundary Files, ZIP, 1.7 MB](#) for those who have mapping software).
- For more information, visit www.redistribution2022.ca.

Follow and share @FedBoundaries on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Thank you for your interest. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marlene Rodie, Secretary
Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission

Bonjour,

Re: Proposition de délimitation des circonscriptions électorales fédérales de la Saskatchewan

Dans le cadre des activités de sensibilisation en continu de la Commission, en ce qui concerne le processus de délimitation des circonscriptions électorales fédérales, la Commission de délimitation des circonscriptions électorales fédérales de la Saskatchewan aimerait vous rappeler que des audiences publiques auront lieu dans toute la province à compter du 20 juin 2022 à Saskatoon et se poursuivront jusqu'au 14 juillet 2022. Voici un [lien vers](#) les dates et les lieux des audiences publiques.

L'objectif des audiences est de permettre au public de commenter ou offrir de la rétroaction quant à la proposition de la commission, laquelle propose une nouvelle carte électorale pour les limites des circonscriptions électorales fédérales de la Saskatchewan. La proposition peut être trouvée en cliquant sur ce [lien](#) (une version PDF est aussi jointe). De plus, si vous le souhaitez, veuillez nous faire parvenir votre adresse postale et une copie papier la proposition vous sera envoyée sans frais.

La proposition est un point de départ clé dans le processus de délimitation des circonscriptions électorales fédérales. Il constitue la base des discussions qui auront lieu au sujet du redécoupage des limites fédérales de la Saskatchewan.

La Commission veut vous entendre

Pour présenter une demande de comparution en personne, aux fins de l'établissement de l'horaire, la Commission apprécierait une confirmation de votre part une semaine avant la date prévue de l'audience où vous souhaitez comparaître. Si vous souhaitez seulement présenter vos observations, mais que vous ne voulez pas comparaître devant la Commission, la date limite est le 15 juillet 2022.

Votre avis de participation (ou de représentation) doit comprendre :

- votre nom, adresse et coordonnées
- l'organisme que vous représentez (s'il y a lieu)
- l'audience publique à laquelle vous souhaitez assister
- un aperçu des questions que vous comptez soulever
- la langue officielle de votre choix
- toute mesure d'adaptation dont vous pourriez avoir besoin

Vous pouvez également envoyer tout document à l'appui que vous souhaitez que la Commission examine.

Vous pouvez envoyer ces informations au secrétaire de la Commission par:

- l'envoyer par courriel à sk@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

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- l'envoyer par la poste à la Commission de délimitation des circonscriptions électorales de la Saskatchewan
C.P. 21031 Gardiner Park PO
Regina (Saskatchewan) S4V 0Y0
- remplir le [formulaire d'avis d'audience publique](#) en ligne à redistribution2022.ca (cliquez sur « Les commissions », sélectionnez « Saskatchewan », puis cliquez sur « Participation du public »)
- à l'aide de [l'outil de cartographie interactive](#) à redistribution2022.ca (cliquez sur « Les commissions », sélectionnez « Saskatchewan », puis cliquez sur « Participation du public ». Veuillez noter qu'il existe un fichier zip d'outil de cartographie appelé [Digital Proposed Boundary Files, ZIP, 1,7 Mo](#) pour ceux qui ont un logiciel de cartographie).
- Pour plus d'informations, visitez www.redistribution2022.ca.

Suivez et partagez @FedBoundaries sur [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) ou [Twitter](#).

Nous vous remercions de votre intérêt. N'hésitez pas à nous contacter si vous avez des questions.

Cordialement,

Marlene Rodie, secrétaire
Commission de délimitation des circonscriptions électorales de la Saskatchewan

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SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Wed 2022-06-15 4:30 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Morning 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your request 19(1)

19(1) I have accordingly 19(1) I will
advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

Marlene Rodie

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From: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Sent:** June 13, 2022 3:56 AM**To:** 19(1)**Subject:** Re: 19(1)

Yes, we can accommodate you 19(1)

Marlene Rodie

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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 12, 2022 11:25 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Re: 19(1)

I would prefer to appear in Regina. Is that possible?

On Sun, Jun 12, 2022 at 5:04 PM SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Good Afternoon 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have duly noted that you will 19(1) I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 12, 2022 10:06 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: - Moose Jaw is large enough and growing population center to warrant its own federal representation and serve as an anchor community for the broader rural area surrounding it
- The Moose Jaw-Regina corridor is the most important trade routes for Moose Jaw, Regina, and South Central Saskatchewan, and should not be represented by a Southeaster Weyburn/Estevan based riding
- The new proposed riding of Kindersley-Rosetown would lack any Service Canada or meaningful federal government representation
My comments will be in: English

Re: proposed Regina ridings

19(1)

Tue 2022-05-10 12:18 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thank you for registering my comments.

I would like to let them stand for themselves, and not additionally make an oral presentation to the Commission.

19(1)

On 9May, 2022, at 3:53 PM, SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Hi, on behalf of the Commission, thank you for your remarks. Please advise whether you would like to make an oral presentation before the Commission on either July 5 or 6, 2022. If you choose not to, your comments will still be considered by the Commission.

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From: 19(1)**Sent:** May 9, 2022 9:18 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** proposed Regina ridings

Hello,

I have reviewed the proposed riding changes for Saskatchewan, in particular the suggestions for adjusting the Regina ridings. I note that the Commission considered two options. In the end, they seem to have settled on the one that makes the least sense for the residents of the city. I hope that you might reconsider this decision and see if you can't make the other option work.

From your site:

Unlike Saskatoon, the Commission received relatively few submissions regarding how the 2021 population should be divided among Regina's three electoral districts. In the absence of extensive submissions, the Commission considered two options.

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The first option is to absorb the increased population within the existing electoral districts and make adjustments to account for the fact that Regina—Lewvan is the largest of the three electoral districts based on the 2021 Census data. This would mean moving the boundaries to account in some manner for the differences in those increases.

The second option is to decrease the geographical size of Regina—Qu'Appelle and establish three ridings of relatively equal size. The proposed map reflects the second option. It results in three ridings with the following deviations from the electoral quota as follows: (a) Regina—Lewvan at 84,347, which varies by 4.26%, (b) Regina—Qu'Appelle at 85,914, which varies by 6.2%, and (c) Regina—Wascana at 85,642, which varies by 5.9%.

I believe that the first option would better reflect the politics of the City of Regina. It is well known that there is a marked divide between the political leanings of the urban centres in this province and the rural counterparts. I previously pointed out that the Regina-Qu'Appelle riding dilutes the urban voice by folding in a large amount of suburban and rural areas. The current proposed amendment only serves to make this matter worse.

Please consider your other option. Perhaps some of the Regina-Lewvan population could be shared with Regina-Qu'Appelle so that Regina ends up with three predominantly urban ridings of relatively equal size.

Thanks for your consideration.

19(1)



Comments-Regina [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-06-11 3:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your notice form. I have forwarded a copy to the Commission. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process.

If you are interested in presenting your position before the Commission at one of our public hearings or the Virtual Hearing, please let me know.

Regards, Marlene

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 11, 2022 12:21 AM

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To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: Raymore should remain in the Regina riding. As it has a close connection to Southey and Regina. Raymore is 1 hour from Regina and 3.5 hours to Kindersley. What benefit would it be to raymore to be 3.5 hours from the MLA
My comments will be in: English

Re: Redistribution 2022 - Saskatchewan

[REDACTED]

Fri 2022-05-27 2:16 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Good day [REDACTED]

Thank you for your quick response. I reached out via email because I will not be attending the in person events, and I would like my comments to be considered by the Commission. I am willing to provide a report of my data to the Commission if that is desired. My data is pulled from Elections Canada's previous election data, specifically the voting numbers per candidate per polling station.

[REDACTED]

On Fri., May 27, 2022, 06:36 SK, <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED] Thank you for your email and your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. The Commission's mandate is to establish electoral boundaries pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act. It is within the purview of the Commission to consider the variation in population between ridings and redraw boundaries in accordance with the Act, but it does not have jurisdiction to change legislation. Comments in relation to that process should be directed to a Member of Parliament

Do you wish to make an oral presentation to the Commission at one of the Public Hearings? If you chose not to, your comments will still be considered by the Commission.

Regards
Marlene Rodie

From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** May 26, 2022 5:49 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Redistribution 2022 - Saskatchewan

Good day,

5/27/22, 8:37 AM

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The current proposed redistributions will retain the current strong bias towards the Conservative Party of Canada. The result will be a consistent 3 Conservative MPs in the next election, and all foreseeable elections as long as population demographics remain constant. Based on the Polling Station data for the City of Regina, Regina should be represented by 1-2 Conservative MPs, 1 NDP MP, and 0-1 Liberal MPs. This means the 1-2 non Conservative voters are not being adequately represented in the current ridings. I have not run the data on Polling Stations in Saskatoon, or for the rest of Saskatchewan, but looking at general popular vote data leads me to believe that similar under representation is occurring in other ridings. If the Redistribution wishes to be more accurate, I would recommend that ridings should be designed on the average housing cost per Ward/RM rather than population density. This would make the ridings in Regina layered from North to South and would generate the approximate proportional distribution of representation mentioned above.

This is outside the scope of this commission, but a move to Multi Member Ridings (MMR) where each riding had between 3-4 representatives would also achieve this goal.

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-12

RIM ID: 1652384750AFSYRQKBQK

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Regina's south end should be kept in the same ridings, there is no reason that Hillsdale and Lakeview should be in different ridings. We have one city councilor, we shouldn't have two different Members of Parliament.

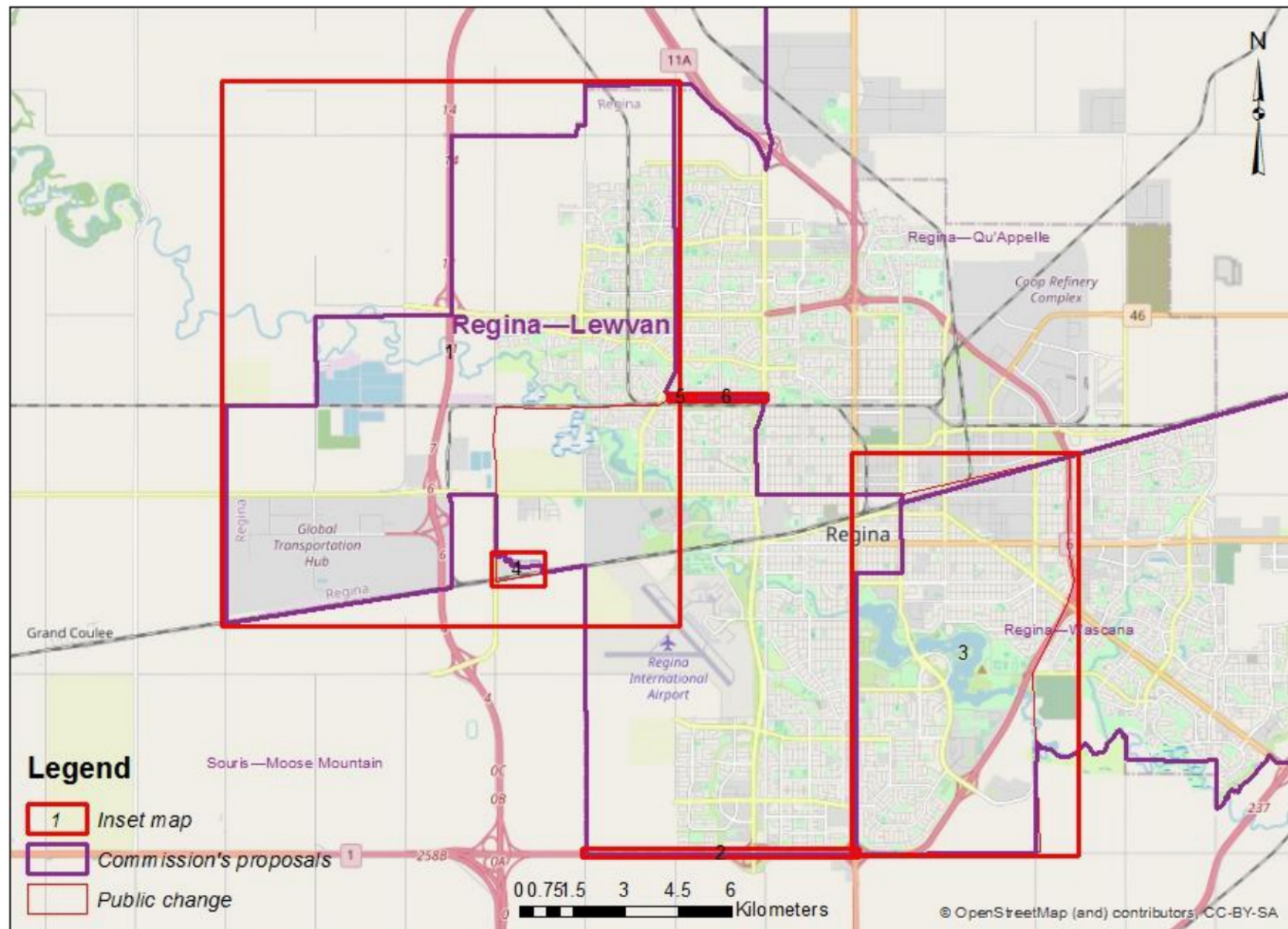
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Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:



Comments - Regina-Qu'Appelle - 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-07-16 6:02 PM

To: 19(1)

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From: 19(1)

Sent: July 15, 2022 10:41 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Federal Redistribution that concerns Wolseley Saskatchewan

To Whom It May Concern:

19(1)

I understand that a study is taking place in regards to the redistribution of the federal electoral boundaries and this includes Regina-Qu'Appelle Riding.

I realize that Wolseley is on the far east edge of our current riding and we are connected with communities to the west such as Indian Head and Regina.

This arrangement has been very appropriate because of the geography, infrastructure, and the traditional trading areas. The people of Wolseley will do a majority of their out-of-town business by travelling on divided highway to the west. Regina is where we go for medical appointments, entertainment, and general shopping. We also have residents that commute to Indian Head or Regina for employment. 19(1)

There is considerable travel to Indian Head for medical, dental, and other services. Wolseley currently has excellent highway access travelling west, while there are mainly gravel roads or inferior highway service travelling south. This means travelling in that direction is more difficult and it adds distance to an MP's office. I feel it would hamper the support and service that an MP could provide us from that area if our community was caught in a Riding Redistribution.

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Garbage and recycling services for our town come out of Regina. Also, other key services that we require either government related or for support of our community infrastructure and help with our general government administration will also be accessed from there. The Weyburn or Estevan trading

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areas are unfamiliar to us and our connection with the people and services from there are negligible. Asking us to be grouped with those communities for our support from our Federal Elected Member of Parliament would leave us with the uncertainty with what kind of relationship, understanding, and focus an elected Member would have for us. This concern is not the case with our current arrangement. 19(1)

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19(1) I strongly request that you consider leaving our community of Wolseley in the current riding. This arrangement is working and we are being well served.

Thank you for considering my input on this matter. I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard.

Sincerely:

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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Saskatchewan**

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Date received: 2022-05-22

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Request participation to public hearing: N

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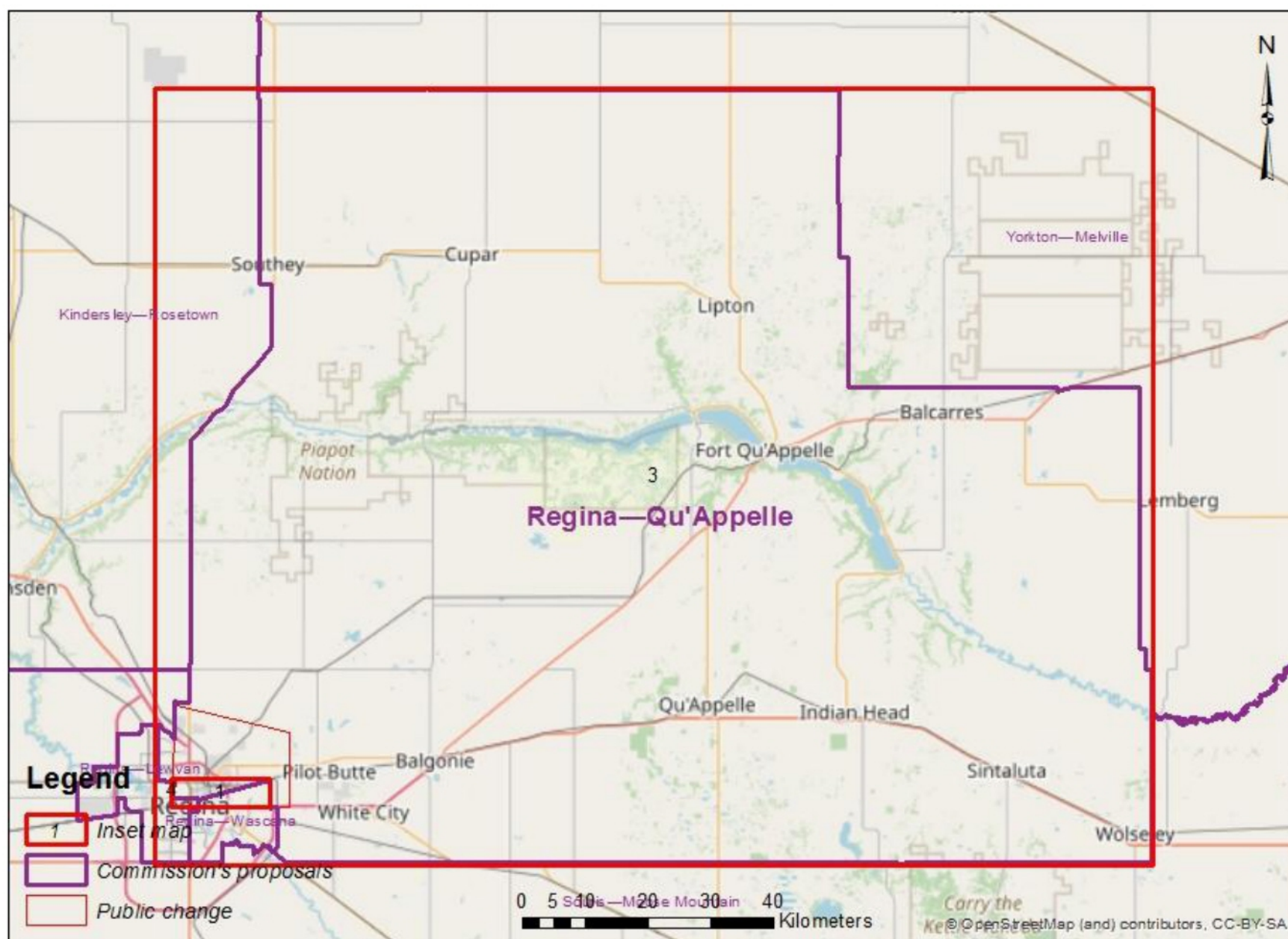
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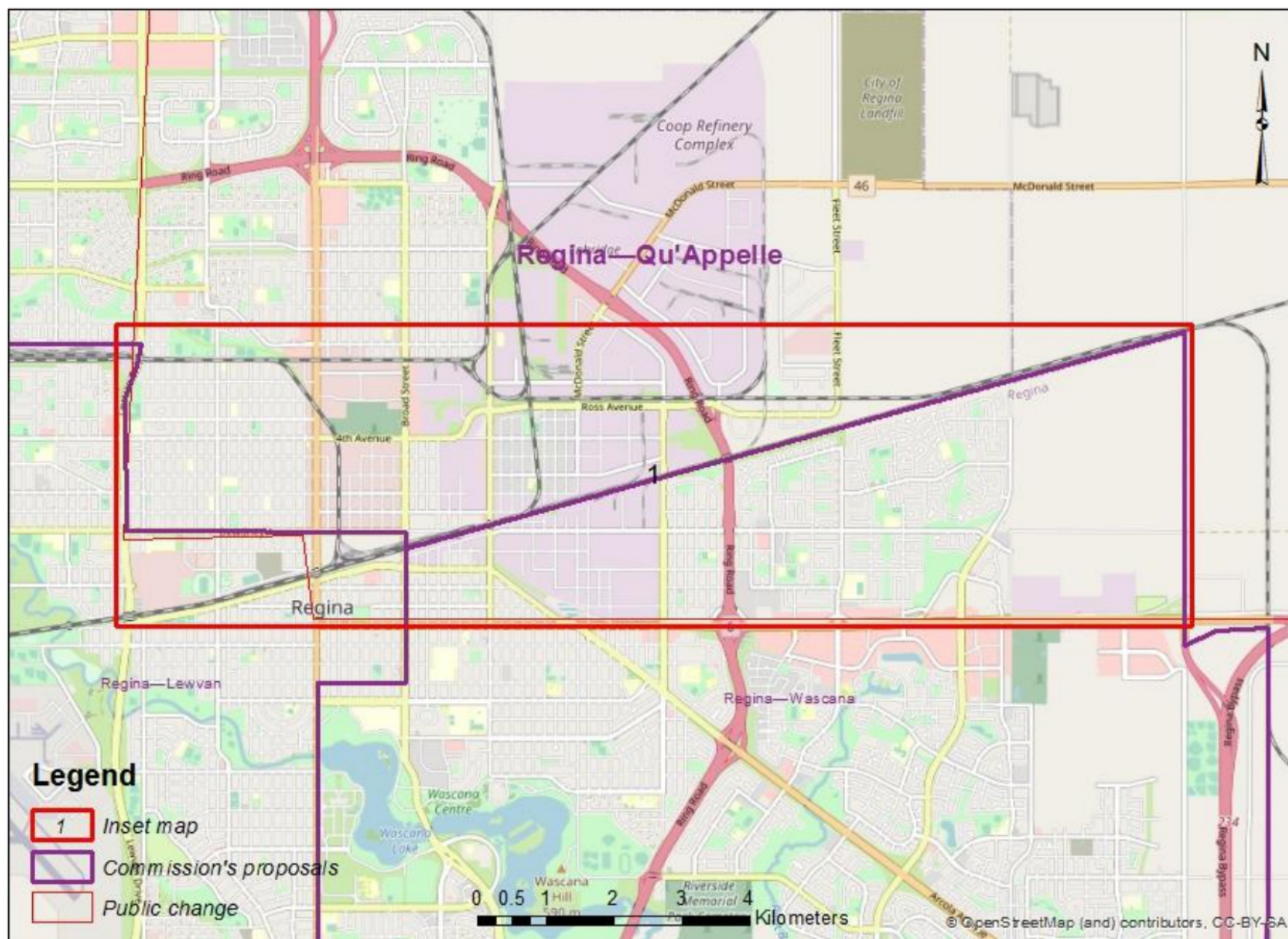
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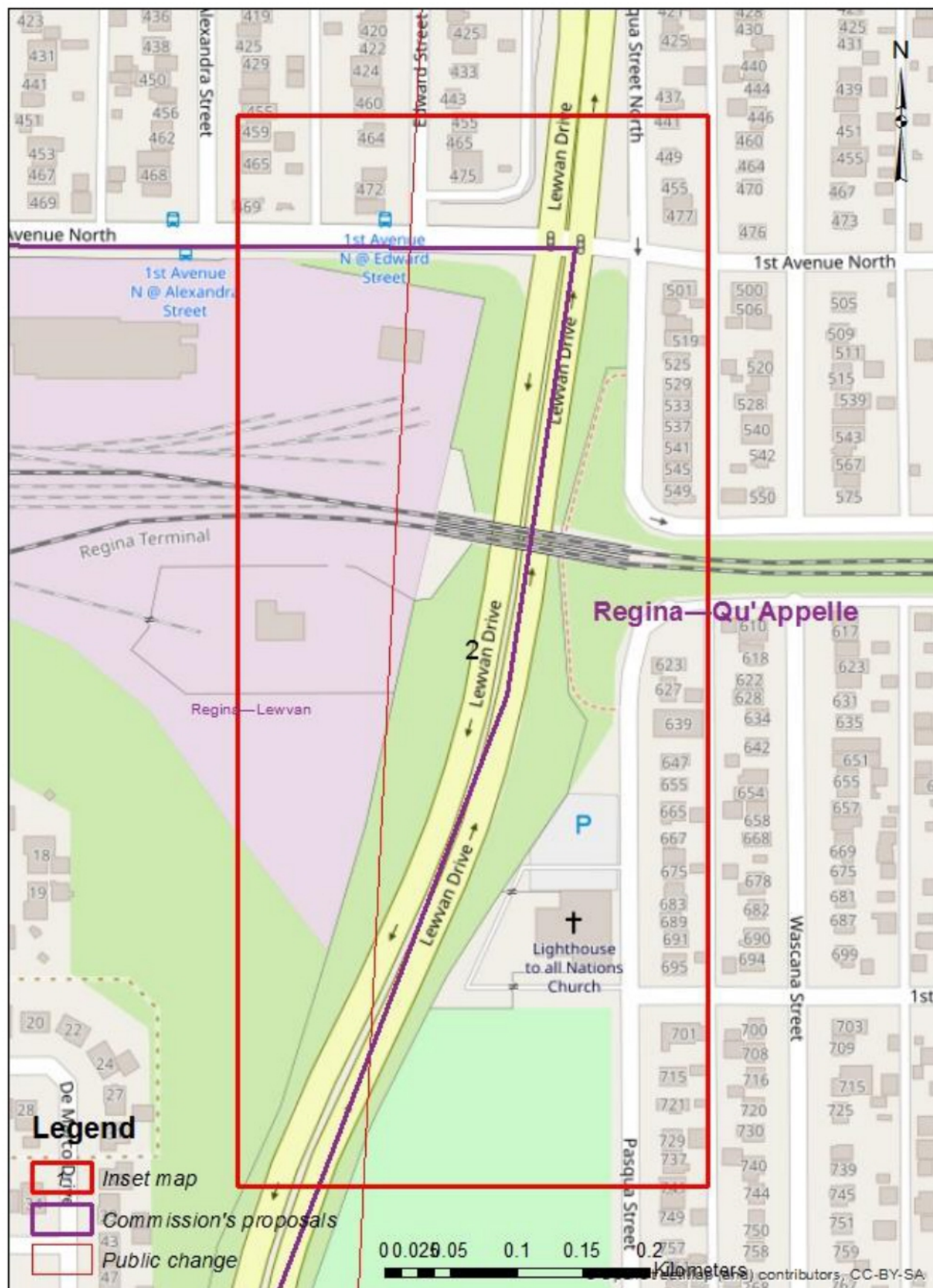
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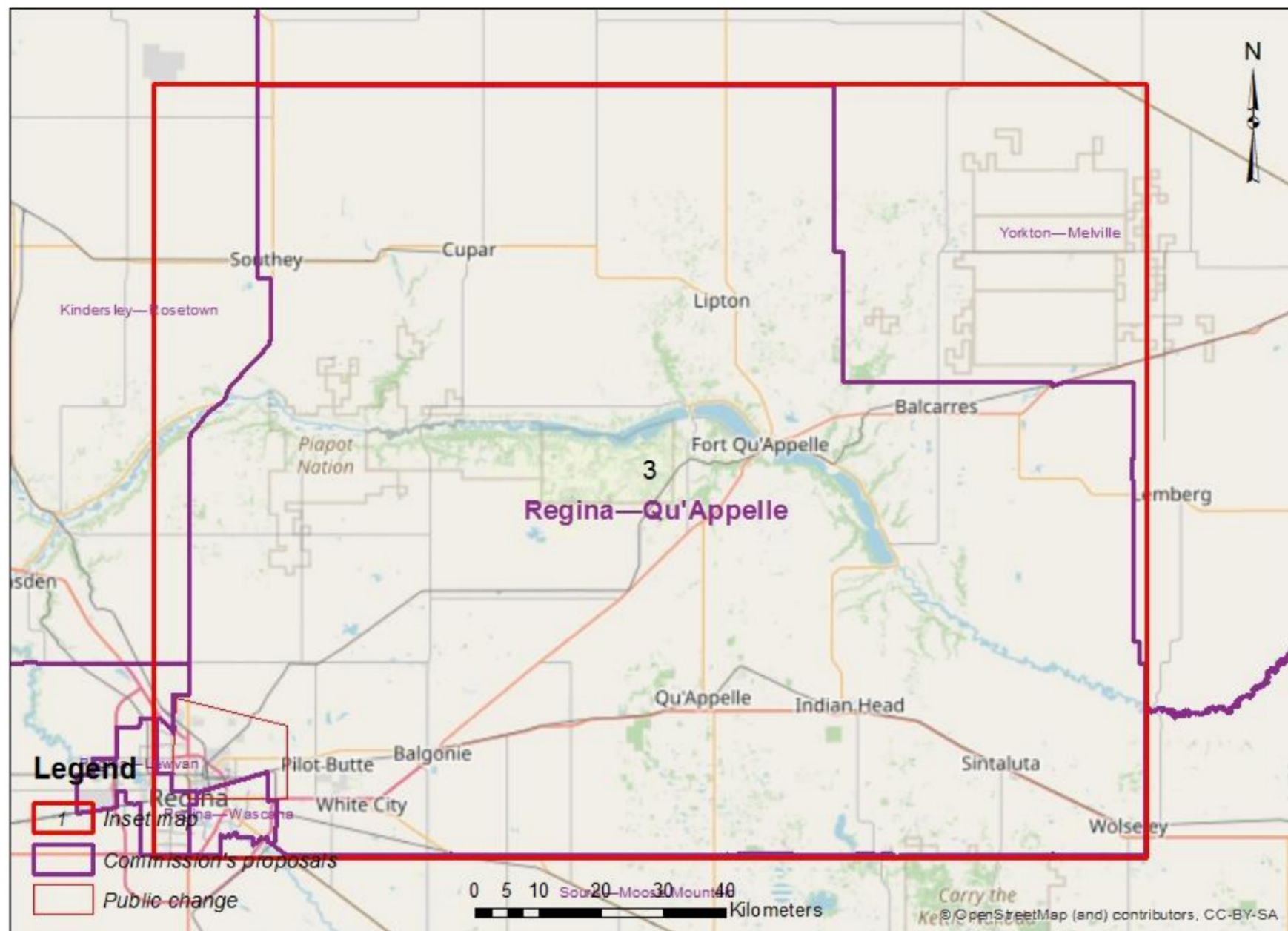
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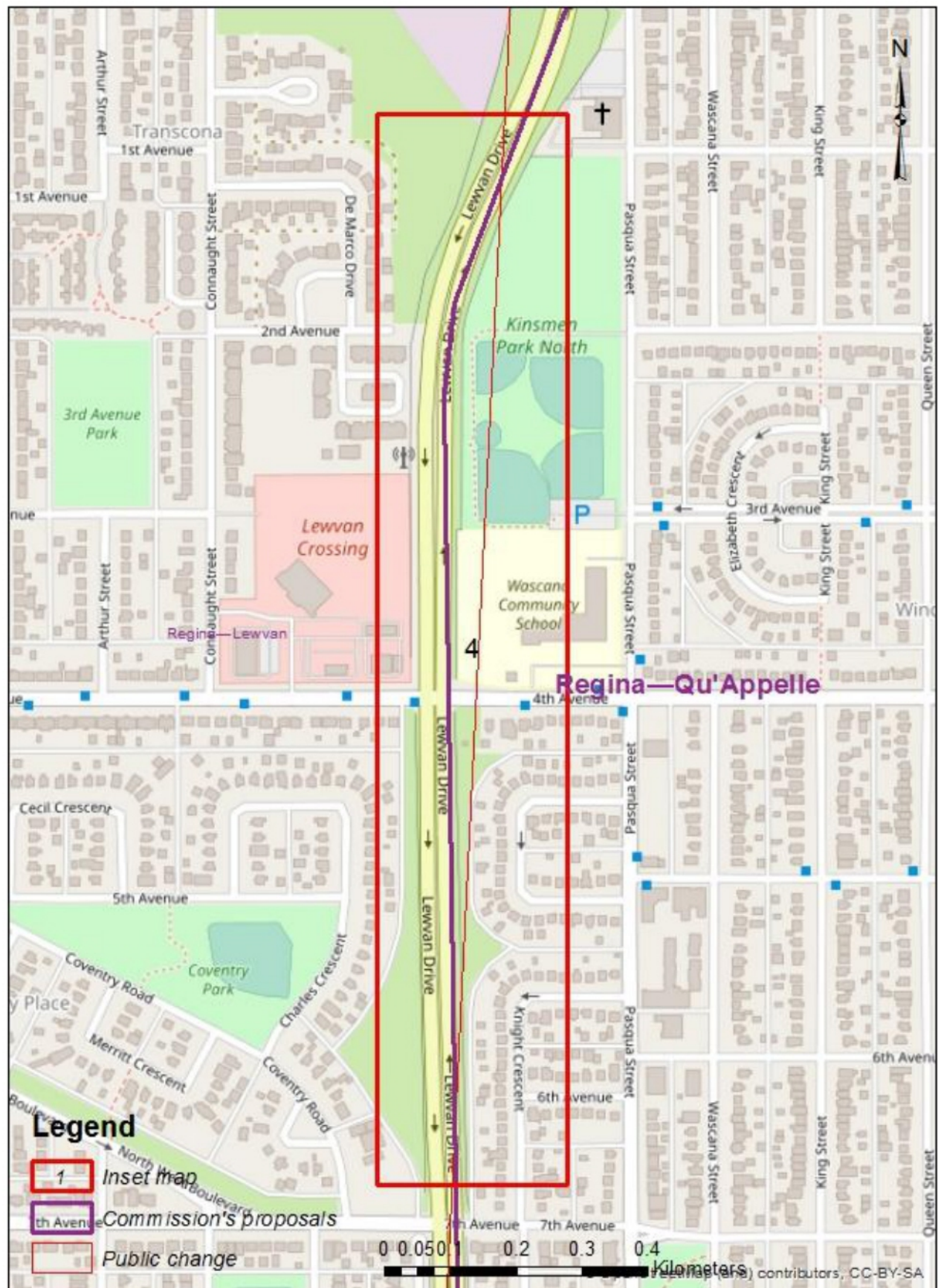
Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:











Comments - Regina-Qu'Appelle 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-07-16 5:46 PM

To: 19(1)

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From: 19(1)
Sent: July 15, 2022 9:39 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Regina Qu'Appelle electoral boundaries

Dear Commission,

I am writing to express concern regarding the redrawing of electoral boundaries for the federal riding 19(1) Regina-Qu'Appelle.

The proposed changes would result in cutting the riding in half with communities moved into ridings that have no common connection. Residents north of Highway 22 will be placed in either Yorkton-Melville to the east or a huge new riding of Kindersley-Rosetown to the west.

Constituents will have far further to travel to access their MP. At a time when fuel costs are drastically rising and therefore this creating a barrier for some of society's most vulnerable not being able to afford or avail themselves of transportation to meet their MP, this seems a backwards way for elected representatives to be connecting with their voters.

In addition I'd note that the proposed new boundaries don't take into account that residents north of Highway 22 have much more in common with communities running south towards Regina than they do with communities running west towards Alberta. I would specifically note that many people commute to Regina for work, or travel there for parts or supplies or services, as well as Regina being the preferred location for extracurricular activities for their children.

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I urge the Commission to reconsider the proposed boundaries and request that no changes be made to the riding of Regina-Qu'Appelle.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Saskatchewan**

19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-10

RIM ID: 1654879950ZUHRWNWJCT

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

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19(1) I feel the current boundaries never given the representation each area needs as the needs vary so much. It covers areas of the city that are struggling like North Central, but doesn't include the Core, Al Ritchie or Glencairn, all neighbourhoods with similar issues which would benefit from single representation. The current district also is not fair to rural or first nations as the vote is split between urban, rural and first nations, the difference in needs are so different and they need focus and time to deal with rural, first nation, and sub-urban needs and not urban, be it rural/farm/reserve high-speed internet, rural amenities, farming concerns, schooling in rural, first nation support, etc which does not compare to the needs in our city and its troubled neighbourhoods.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47007Name to modify: Regina—Qu'Appelle /
Regina—Qu'AppelleNew name: Regina—EastView /
Regina—EastView**Attachments:****Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:**

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**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Saskatchewan**

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Date received: 2022-06-17

RIM ID: 1655488574LDSBLTMBVI

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

North Regina is totally disenfranchised by the out of city population, the current situation is completely absurd.

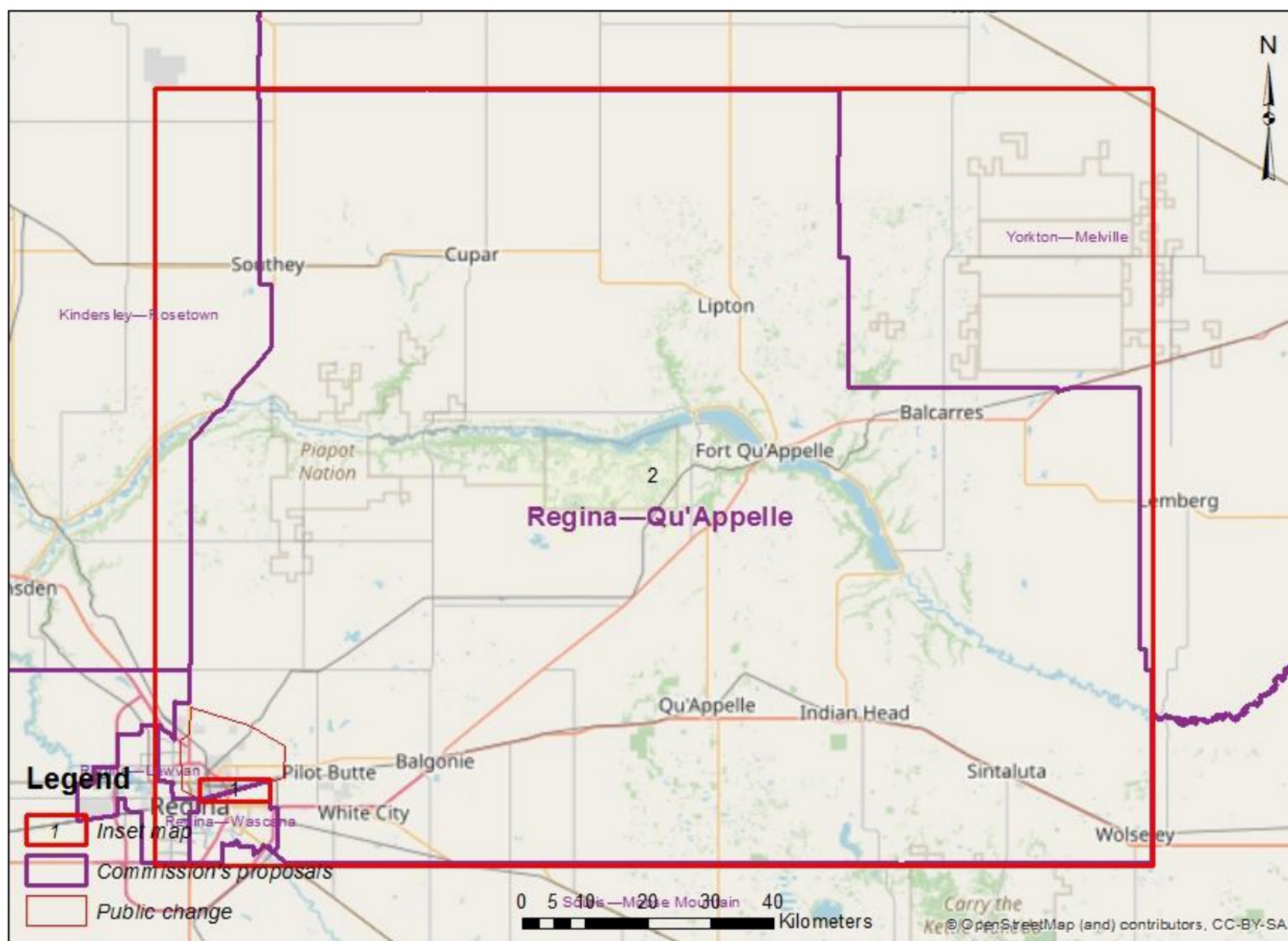
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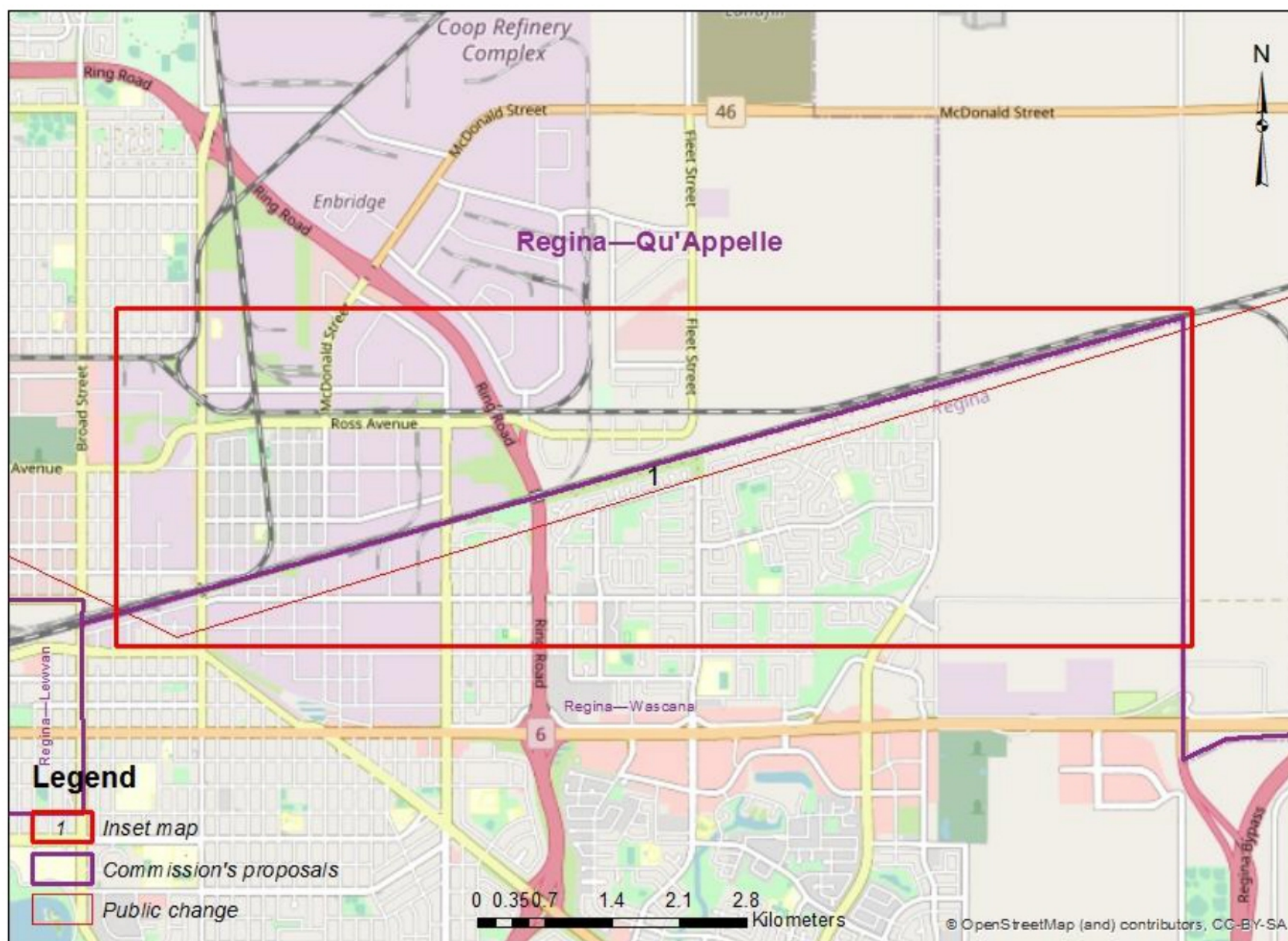
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Regina—Qu'Appelle

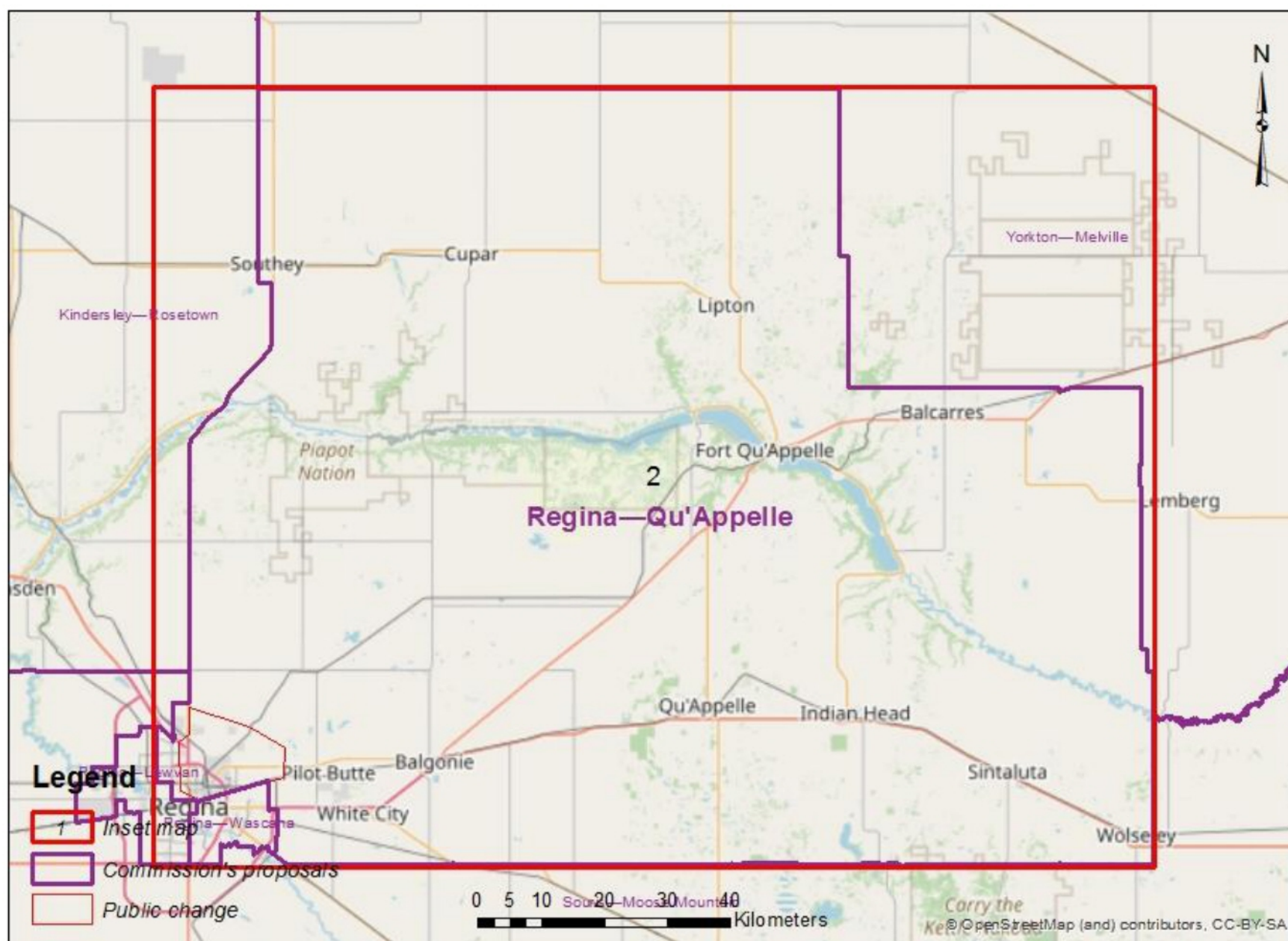
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Attachments:

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







Comments - Regina-Qu'Appelle & Wascana 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-07-16 6:11 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Morning,

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process.

Regards,

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From: 19(1)

Sent: July 15, 2022 10:46 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Responds to Proposed Boundary-Regina Qu'Appelle Federal riding-2022

REGINA – QU'APPELLE NDP ASSOCIATION

To: Saskatchewan Federal Elections Boundary Commission July 15, 2022

From; Regina-Qu'Appelle NDP Association

Re: Regina-Qu'Appelle NDP Association

In response to the 2022 Federal Boundaries being redrawn for the Regina Qu'Appelle future riding.

Regina Qu'Appelle NDP Association views the proposed boundaries of the Electoral District to be a great improvement in that it acknowledges the importance of placing voters sharing common interests in the same Electoral District.

The proposed Regina Qu'Appelle boundaries in moving the northern half of the current riding into a more community-based riding with shared interests, of agriculture (grain and livestock) and the extractions industries (oil, gas and mining) fits with this perspective.

In keeping with the theme of community based and shared common interests, we believe that mirroring what has already been proposed with the proposed Kindersley-Rosetown also applies to our recommendations regarding Regina Qu'Appelle EDA

To illustrate, there are other areas in Regina that are primarily Indigenous /First Nations and Metis populated, that we believe would benefit in being incorporated into the proposed Regina Qu'Appelle EDA as shown in the current Proposed Map. The Commission ought to therefore, consider the following:

- Placing White City and Emerald Park into the proposed Wascana EDA,

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- Moving the proposed Regina-Qu'Appelle boundary along the rail line down to Victoria Avenue and ending at Tower Road.

We believe these changes would give a stronger sense of community to the proposed EDAs of both Regina-Qu'Appelle and Wascana.

In closing we thank the Commission for the opportunity to present our perspective on this most important matter that will affect our voters in the decade to come.

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Comments - Saskatchewan Ridings - 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-07-16 8:07 PM

To: 19(1)

1 attachments (28 KB)

ridingbuilder.csv;

Good Morning 19(1)

I acknowledge receipt of your email and CSV attachment which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your addition comments.

Regards,

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From: 19(1)
Sent: July 16, 2022 5:14 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Proposed SK ridings

Thanks again for allowing me to present 19(1) At that meeting, you requested that I send you a digital version of the map I had printed out. I am enclosing that herein. It is a CSV file that works in conjunction with the riding builder map here: <http://www.election-atlas.ca/ridingbuilder/rb.php?prov=47>

I would also like to reiterate the point about the proposed Northern riding and the impact that it has on the provincial quotient.

While the commission has studied the Labrador example as a basis for drawing a riding that has a significantly lower population than the provincial quotient, I do not believe that the situation is the same in Northern Saskatchewan as in Labrador.

Labrador is a distinct and easily identifiable geographic place, separate from Newfoundland. Indeed, the official name of the province is Newfoundland and Labrador. It is physically separated from the rest of Newfoundland. By contrast, the new proposed Northern SK riding does not follow a distinctive and universally recognized geographic differentiator.

It is clear that the commission used the Northern Administration District to form the bulk of the boundaries of the new riding. However that district itself does not follow geographic limits for much of its designation. In other words, the commission could easily move the borders of the riding further south without linking together communities that have little or no connection to each other. For example: the towns of Green Lake and Big River would be in two different ridings in the proposed northern riding. Yet, both towns have much in common and are only 76 kms away from each other. There is no reason why they cannot be in the same riding.

The proposed variance from the quotient is also extremely high. Unlike in the Labrador case, there is really no hard and firm natural starting point for "Northern Saskatchewan." A 47% variance is extreme, and a vote in the new riding would be almost twice as powerful as a vote in any other riding in the province.

Courts have never fully embraced the consociational approach that would justify ridings based more heavily on demographics. Instead they have allowed for the "community of interest" and "effective representation" factors to create the space for options that somewhat take into account demographic realities, but have always stressed that the primary concern should be the equality of the vote. In the Carter decision of 1991 the Court ruled: "Relative parity of voting power is a prime condition of effective representation." (Provincial Electoral Boundaries (Sask.), [1991] 2 S.C.R. 158). While the court went on to acknowledge other factors, including minority representation, as legitimate, it did stress that parity of voting is the primary factor to consider.

By creating a riding with such a massive variance, the commission would be diminishing the concept of voter parity, thereby making it a much more insignificant factor instead of the primary factor that it should be.

Put simply, the demographic rationale for the proposed Northern riding should not be weighted so heavily that it results in a situation where voters in that riding have twice the electoral power of voters across the province.

By extending the boundaries further south to reduce that variance, the commission would also alleviate the problems with geographically large ridings in the south, allowing for a lower quotient across the province.

My strong suggestion would be to adopt a variance in population to address the effective representation and community of interest factors in rural only ridings. For example, allowing for a maximum variance of only 10% for those ridings would be significantly more fair than a 47% variance for a single riding. In conjunction with a return to blended urban/rural ridings, this approach would ensure that all ridings in Saskatchewan are manageable for the MP, with population levels that are relatively similar.

I will not repeat here the arguments in favour of blended ridings, but I urge the commission to consult the submission by SARM in the previous redistribution process, as well as Commissioner Marit's dissenting report. There are ample examples of the connections between Saskatoon and Regina and their surrounding rural areas, including trading patterns, recreational leagues, health districts and economic development zones.

In closing, I would like to return to the Regina-Qu'Appelle riding. I hope the commission takes into account the strong recommendations of the community leaders who objected to the proposal to remove such a large rural area from Regina-Qu'Appelle. The strong consensus in the Raymore - Wynyard and Ituna-Kelliher areas, is that they prefer to be included in a Regina riding. There is definitely no connection between those towns and Rosetown and Kindersley. Additionally, there are much stronger ties to Regina than to Yorkton. I can attest to the fact that people in Ituna, Kelliher,

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Quinton, Lestock, Wynyard and Raymore have much more connections with Fort Qu'Appelle and Regina than with Yorkton.

The same is true for the First Nations in those areas. For example, under the proposed map Star Blanket, Okanese, Little Black Bear and Peepeekisis would be in the Yorkton riding, yet they are all part of the File Hills Tribal council, which is based out of Fort Qu'Appelle.

I believe the commission should maintain the status quo in the rural part of the riding, and make minor changes in Regina to achieve a similar level of population. I believe there are two options that make the most sense. The commission could move the southern boundary in the city to Regina Ave from Lewvan Drive to Albert St, and then have it follow Albert St north to the tracks, and then continue along the existing boundary NE across the city.

Alternatively, the commission could move part of Wascana into Regina-Qu'Appelle, with Wascana taking some of Regina-Lewvan to balance off the population. Some or all of the communities in Dewdney East could be moved to RQ, and Wascana could have its western border moved to the Lewvan Drive, which is one of the biggest arteries in the city and definitely acts as a major division line between communities.

Thank you once again for your consideration. It is certainly no easy task, and I appreciate the amount of work involved in this process.

Sincerely,

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Comments - Saskatchewan 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-20 8:46 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Afternoon 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process. If you would like to present your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 20, 2022 3:08 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: New electoral boundaries

To whom this may concern,

I would like to voice my support for the proposed redrawing of federal electoral boundaries in SK. I appreciate the work done by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan using the new 2021 census data. I believe the factors of electoral quota, communities of interest or identity, and history and geography have been taken well into account when drafting this proposal.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Re: Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 2022-05-10 1:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi, on behalf of the Commission, thank you for your remarks. Please advise whether you would like to make your presentation orally before the Commission and if so, which hearing would you prefer. Below is a link the the hearings. If you choose not to, your comments will still be considered by the Commission.

https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/com/sk/phrg/index_e.aspx

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From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** May 9, 2022 4:53 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Re: Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries

I'm more interested in a response to my question - in the level of fairness in the *process* by which these maps are generated than the maps themselves.

so I'll restate my question

why, instead of these change, do we not use the shortest

splitline https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerrymandering#Shortest_splitline_algorithm ?

[REDACTED]

On Mon, 9 May 2022 at 09:18, SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Good Day,

Re: Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries

The purpose of this email is to advise you that the Proposal for Saskatchewan's federal electoral boundaries is now available for review and comment. We also want to let you know how you can become involved in the public consultation process that will be taking place over the next several months.

The Proposal is a key starting point in the federal electoral boundaries process. It forms the basis of the discussions that will take place regarding the placement of Saskatchewan's federal boundaries.

The Proposal may be viewed by clicking on this [link](#).

Background

By law, after each 10-year-census, the federal electoral districts (constituencies or ridings) must be reviewed to reflect changes and movements in Canada's population. The process is led by independent commissions working separately in each province to establish electoral boundaries.

Saskatchewan's representation in the House of Commons is 14 members, which means the Province must be divided into 14 electoral ridings. The 2021 Census, as determined by Statistics Canada, provides the basis for the redistribution of electoral ridings under the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act*. Saskatchewan's population increased by close to 100,000, therefore the ridings must be adjusted to reflect that change in population. Your input is important to the democratic process.

To consult with the public, the Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission has scheduled 14 public and one virtual hearing starting on June 20th and ending on July 14th, 2022. If required, more hearings will be scheduled.

Frequently asked questions

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Why does a boundary review matter?

Based on the increase of population in Saskatchewan, your riding could change. This could also change who represents you in Parliament and who votes in your riding.

Who can participate in the review?

Anyone, no matter their age, can participate—including associations, elected representatives and municipalities, and other interested parties.

How do you participate (or make a representation)?

The Saskatchewan commission is holding in-person and virtual public hearings to gather opinions on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names.

Your notice of participation (or representation) should include:

- your name, address and contact information
- the organization you represent (if any)
- the date of the public hearing that you wish to attend
- a short overview of the issues you intend to address
- your official language of preference
- any accommodations you may need

Your notice of participation should be received by the Commission no later than 13 June 2022. Here is a [link](#) to the dates and locations of the public hearings.

If you wish to make a submission, but not appear in person, please send it to the Commission before 15 July 2022.

Where can the Public submit notice of participation?

You can send your notice of participation to the Commission Secretary by:

- emailing it to sk@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
- mailing it to Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission
P.O. Box 21031 Gardiner Park PO
Regina, SK S4V 0Y0
- filling out the Public Hearing Notice Form online at redistribution2022.ca (click on “The commissions,” select “Saskatchewan” and then click on “Public participation”)
- using the Interactive Mapping Tool at redistribution2022.ca (click on “The commissions,” select “Saskatchewan” and then click on “Public participation”)

How can you get more information?

- For more information, visit www.redistribution2022.ca.

- Follow and share @FedBoundaries on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Important notes:

- If you or any of your audience would like to submit comments and feedback to the Saskatchewan Commission, you must do so using the contact information given on the commission's website. Comments submitted via social media will not be considered.
- Feedback must be submitted directly to provincial commissions and not via Elections Canada.
- Elections Canada does not decide on how many House of Commons seats will be allocated to each province. For more information on the role of Elections Canada in the Federal redistribution process, please see [this section](#) of the redistribution website

Thank you for your interest. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marlene Rodie, Secretary

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End the campaign to Cancel Richard Stallman - go to stallmansupport.org !

Comments - Saskatchewan [REDACTED]
SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Sat 2022-07-02 1:42 PM
To:

[REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process. If you would like to present your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 2, 2022 4:30 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: the bondries

The bondries of riding should stay the way it is don't need to be change they are ok the way they are

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Comments, Saskatoon Central, [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-03 2:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 2, 2022 6:25 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Possibility of Saskatoon Central

Hello,

6/3/22, 6:04 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

I have recently been made aware that the possibility of creating a Saskatoon central riding is moving forward. I am sending this email in strong support of this possibility as this makes sense given the diverging opinions of those in the more centralized vs. suburban residence. 19(1)

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Thank you,

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Re: Request to Present to June 20th Hearing of Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan

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the importance of the creation of a Saskatoon Centre riding for progress on issues on which the federal government has been recently active such as immigrant settlement, public transportation, and homelessness. I believe that, on the issues named above, the neighbourhoods within Circle Drive have distinct communities of interest that are different than the suburban neighbourhoods of Saskatoon and the rural areas surrounding Saskatoon.

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Thank you and I look forward to hearing your response.

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SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-10 11:02 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Afternoon 19(1)

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have duly noted that you want to appear before the Commission 19(1) I will advise you, a week in advance of the hearing, of your speaking time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

Regards, Marlene

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 10, 2022 10:25 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation from 19(1)

19(1)

My subject: 19(1) I do not see why a wholesale change was necessary when some minor changes would do. The number of seats has not changed and just an adjustment to reflect the larger numbers in the Urban areas would have sufficed. My main concern is Saskatoon, and a simple change would accomplish this readjustment. 19(1)

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My comments will be in: English

June 20, 2022

Dear Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022 – Saskatoon Commission;

Re: The proposed federal electoral boundary changes for Saskatoon west side

19(1)

I was a little surprised when I read the proposed boundary changes to the west side. Of particular concern to me was the proposed change to Saskatoon West. The proposal suggested dividing Saskatoon West between 3 new ridings – Saskatoon Wanuskewin, Saskatoon Centre, and Saskatoon Grasswood.

Respectfully, I am having a hard time understanding the logic when the current boundaries of Saskatoon West already *“respect the community of interest or community of identity”*. In the proposed riding of Saskatoon-Grasswood, there is not a lot in common between the west side, rural communities like Furdale and the east side neighborhoods surrounded by Circle Dr., Taylor Dr., and Boychuck. This does not satisfy one of the three reasons for boundary change - *“respect the community of interest or community of identity”*.

This should prompt a review of the proposed new boundaries for Saskatoon-Grasswood.

To spread this riding between the west side, the eastside, and a large swath of rural area would water down riding resources including access to our MP. Additionally, it will be a challenge to determine an appropriate location for the MP's office. Will it be Confederation Park, Furdale, Casa Rio, or Lakeridge? Will there be funding offered to create another office on the east side neighbourhoods in this new riding to increase access to their MP?

Previously, the Commission created Saskatoon Centre to better represent at-risk people, Indigenous people, and urban issues which were well addressed in Saskatoon West. These are predominately west side people and issues. Be sure that these issues effect the westside outside of Circle Drive too, especially in the Confederation Mall area and along 33rd which are better represented under the current Saskatoon West boundaries.

I would like to suggest that the decision regarding the change to the boundaries of Saskatoon-Grasswood may not have prioritized this important reason: *“respect the community of interest or community of identity”*.

Please consider keeping the west side neighbourhoods together in one riding. We have so much in common.

Respectfully,

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Comments - Saskatoon [REDACTED]
SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Sun 2022-07-03 2:43 PM
To:

[REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process. If you would like to present your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings or our virtual hearing on July 14th, please let me know.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 3, 2022 3:30 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: proposed Electoral Boundary changes

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback in a written form for the 2022 Saskatchewan federal boundary redistribution. I write to express my deep concerns with the manner in which the proposed boundaries, namely the creation of the Saskatoon—Centre riding, will negatively impact Saskatoon—Grasswood. I am concerned with two major impacts: the splitting of communities of similar backgrounds, and that the new boundaries do not accurately reflect transit patterns in our city. First, by introducing the west side of Saskatoon into Saskatoon—Grasswood, a Member of Parliament may find it impossible to adequately represent the vastly different interests compared to current

residents of the riding in communities like Corman Park, Lakeview, and Stonebridge. Generally speaking, there are significantly different levels of educational attainment, income, and social backgrounds that could create conflict between members of the different communities any Member of Parliament will be responsible for representing. Secondly, the proposed changed boundaries are not representative of the realities of transit patterns within the city. Residents of the outer communities, such as Stonebridge and Corman Park, rely on the city north of Circle Drive, but would rarely travel to the west side of the river. The river has always been a primary dividing line for electoral boundaries for a reason--because it is representative of the way that people travel and live within the city. Finally, I am deeply concerned this redistribution will almost surely impair the ability of residents in all areas of Saskatoon from ever having a representative that reflects their values—this redistribution will almost surely entrench Members of Parliament of certain political affiliations and make our electoral process less competitive. It is deeply concerning to me that we may achieve a boundary that is drawn around political alignment rather than population, transportation patterns, and the interests and backgrounds of the communities within each riding. I would suggest that something closer to the current riding make-up, with the necessary population changes taken into account, would make much more sense with these considerations. Not only have these ridings shown in the recent past that they are competitive to the point where supporters of non-incumbent candidates have a realistic opportunity or being represented by their preferred candidate, but they accurately track the transit patterns and backgrounds of the communities they are made up by.

Best Regards

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Comments - Saskatoon [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Wed 2022-07-13 10:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** July 12, 2022 7:51 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Comments on Saskatchewan's federal riding boundaries

Good afternoon Commission,

Thank you for your service to our country and province.

I have reviewed the interim proposal which you published. Below are my comments.

1. I strongly believe it is very important that federal ridings in Saskatchewan have as equal a population as possible. For example, I believe that it is unreasonable for the northern riding to be so drastically under populated. Additionally, I believe that it is unnecessary for the urban Saskatoon-Centre riding to be overpopulated.
2. Regarding the boundaries of the proposed Saskatoon-Grasswood riding, it doesn't make sense to me to include the neighbourhood of Stonebridge with the far west end of Saskatoon. It would make more sense to me to include a neighbourhood like Mt Royal, Meadowgreen, or even Holiday Park in a "Saskatoon-West" riding.
3. I feel the inclusion of Silverwoods Heights in the Saskatoon-Wanuskewin riding is acknowledging that urban-rural blended ridings are a practical solution given the size of Saskatoon. Saskatoon, and its surrounding bedroom communities such as Warman, Martensville, Langham, Borden,

7/13/22, 4:56 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

Aberdeen, Delisle, Dalmany, Hague, Clavet, Asquith, etc., deserve four Members of Parliament whose focus is equally distributed between the urban and rural parts of a blended riding. Returning to the pre-2015 style of urban-rural mixed riding would give Saskatoon and area the representation it deserves. Additionally, these blended ridings produce the minor benefit of creating slightly smaller (geographically) rural only ridings. There will come a time in the future when Saskatoon's (and Regina's) population will necessitate urban only riding(s) but I respectfully submit that the 2013/2014 Boundary Commission was premature when it created urban only ridings during the last redrawing. I believe many of the challenges with which you are struggling are a result of trying to work with the previous commission's map.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

19(1)

Comments - Saskatoon-Center, Kindersley 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Wed 2022-07-13 10:48 PM

To: 19(1)

Good Afternoon 19(1)

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process.

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From: 19(1)
Sent: July 12, 2022 9:12 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Saskatchewan Seat Redistribution Comments

I would just like to say that the map for Saskatchewan is good, but I do have a few comments as a casual observer.

1. The name of Kindersley-Rosetown doesn't represent where the riding is located. It stretches' a lot farther east then those two communities and encompasses many other communities. I would suggest something like Kindersley – Rosetown – Quill Lakes.
2. Secondly, the Saskatoon Centre riding doesn't follow the trends of other city ridings, that being a river being used as a natural border between ridings. In the proposals of Calgary, Edmonton, and Winnipeg, the rivers in those respective cities are used as the border between ridings, why should Saskatoon be the outlier? A geographical riding based up of the rivers banks would be ideal for Saskatoon, allowing for uniformity between the layout of urban ridings.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration!
Sent from [Mail](mailto:SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca) for Windows

5/21/22, 8:51 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

Re: Saskatoon Centre proposed electoral district

[19(1)]

Sat 2022-05-21 10:12 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

No, I will leave the public speaking to others, thank you. [19(1)]

On May 21, 2022, at 1:48 PM, SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Hi [19(1)]

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From: [19(1)]**Sent:** May 21, 2022 4:47 PM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Saskatoon Centre proposed electoral district

Hello. [19(1)]

I definitely support the change in the electoral districts to have Saskatoon Centre residents together. I walk or ride my bike to a number of locations. Recently losing our local grocery store pains me. Grouping together the indigenous, immigrant and other at-risk populations will heighten the support for them. All of these reasons lead me to feel Saskatoon Centre issues will be given better representation if we are in ONE electoral district.

Thank you, [19(1)]

Re: Election boundaries

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Wed 2022-06-01 3:11 PM

To: 19(1)

Dear 19(1)

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From: 19(1)**Sent:** June 1, 2022 1:27 AM**To:** SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Election boundaries

6/1/22, 9:11 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

To whom it may concern,

19(1)



I feel the needs of the residents in the centre of the city are vastly different than those in the outlying areas. I would like the electoral boundaries to recognize that my political views, and the wants and needs of lower income, new Canadians and marginalized people are not the same as those outside the suggested Circle Drive boundary. I would like to see a city centre riding to reflect the ideals of the residents who reside here.

Sincerely,

19(1)



Sent from my iPhone

Comment-Saskatoon Centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 2022-06-07 10:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 7, 2022 9:18 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Centre.

I am in support of the redistribution for Saskatoon Centre. Urban issues are not appropriately represented in a mixed urban/suburban riding community, as is in place currently.

6/7/22, 4:03 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

19(1)

Comments, Saskatoon Centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 11:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 13, 2022 9:57 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Boundary changes

I am writing to support the Boundaries Commission proposed recommendation regarding the creation of a federal constituency within the boundaries of Circle Drive in Saskatoon.

The new federal constituency of Saskatoon Centre would represent the various communities of interest as the constituency would be a non-suburban and non-rural constituency. To quote the Boundaries Commission report, ***"These interests include (a) transportation infrastructure, (b) the development of the downtown core, (c) issues faced by at-risk populations, and (d) distinct issues faced by Indigenous people whose population in Saskatoon is concentrated in the neighbourhoods inside Circle Drive."***

I strongly support your Committees's interim report.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

5/24/22, 8:30 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

Saskatoon centre riding

19(1)

Tue 2022-05-24 12:48 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

> Dear Madam/Sir:

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> I wish to express my support for the Commission's proposal to establish a new "Saskatoon Centre" riding.

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> I agree with the reasoning expressed by the Commission in its draft report/recommendation. Saskatoon's downtown and near-downtown area has its own dynamic and its own issues such as transportation infrastructure and the concerns of its substantial and growing at-risk population.

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> I look forward to this proposal being included in the final report and adopted.

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> Yours truly,

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Sent from my iPhone

Comments, Saskatoon Center 19(1)

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 3:35 PM

To: 19(1)

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 13, 2022 3:28 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Centre Comments

Dear Commission Members,

19(1)

For far too long, Saskatoon has lacked a totally urban riding and instead has blended the rural areas with the urban. These areas have very different concerns and should not be diluted in either direction by blending urban with rural.

As an example, Saskatoon Centre has issues regarding public transit and densification that rural ridings do not. As well, Saskatoon Centre has a large indigenous population. These distinct and different aspects deserve to be represented separately than those of rural voters. I believe in the future Saskatoon deserves even another purely urban riding to reflect these and other differences.

Thank you for your work and efforts in giving the citizens of Saskatoon a voice that is distinct and represents its interests.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Comments, Saskatoon Center [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-06 2:46 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED] I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. I have forwarded a copy to the Commission. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process. If you are interested in presenting your position before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 6, 2022 2:09 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Proposed Saskatoon-Centre riding

Dear Commission members,

6/6/22, 8:46 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

I was excited to hear that the federal riding boundaries for Saskatoon are being reconsidered.

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A Saskatoon-Centre riding allows inner-city residents to elect a representative who understands the unique social, cultural, political, environmental, and economic issues in our city.

A Saskatoon-Centre MP can bring focus to significant and distinct inner-city priorities like housing, food security, poverty, harm reduction, in addition to rising intolerance and racism.

Thanks kindly for your thoughtful consideration to help promote fair voting, and to enhance and preserve our democratic rights.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Re: Feedback on the Proposed Saskatoon Redistribution

19(1)

Sun 2022-05-22 2:01 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thank you for your message, 19(1)

No, I don't have any desire to appear in person. I think my comments are clear. However, if the commissioners are interested in asking questions, I can be available.

Let me add that this process is extremely good and I applaud how fair and open it is being handled. Bravo a tous!

19(1)

On Sat, 21 May 2022 at 13:51, SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

Dear 19(1)

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From: 19(1)
Sent: May 20, 2022 9:48 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Feedback on the Proposed Saskatoon Redistribution

Commissioners,

I completely support the creation of a new electoral district in the centre of Saskatoon bounded by Circle Drive. I write this because:

1. This is an area far more easily and inexpensively traversed by foot, bicycle, transit, or taxi 19(1)
Thus, I identify more closely with those living in the proposed Saskatoon Centre and I feel that we more closely share the same problems than those who live outside of Circle Drive.
2. One might suggest that the river splits the city and while this is physically true, 19(1)
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3. While the indigenous population of Saskatoon is distributed throughout the city, it is overwhelmingly concentrated in the core neighbourhoods and there are few, if any, homeless people in the suburbs outside of Circle Drive. In short, the problems of reconciliation and poverty are at the forefront of the proposed Saskatoon Centre.

I could elaborate but I won't take up more of your time. Thank you for considering this submission.

19(1)

Saskatoon Centre

19(1)

Sat 2022-06-25 6:19 PM

To:

- SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Hello,

I hope I am not too late to get in on this discussion.

Democracy is always a work in process, and especially these days, it is important to support its principles and practices.

Creating this new Saskatoon Centre consistency is a good sign. Citizens who live in city centres have collective concerns that need to be heard in Ottawa. Many of us are concerned about urban sprawl and its disproportionate negative impacts on the environment and on our municipal taxes.

In addition, many of our province's substantial proportion of Indigenous Canadians live in inner cities, and they and their allies are concerned with poverty, the tragic effects of intergenerational trauma, racism, homelessness, and substance use disorders.

I urge you to carry on with the planned creation of this new riding.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in.

19(1)



Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-06-22

RIM ID: 1655916607LKKZXNHUIF

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

I agree with the federal boundary for Saskatoon Centre, as there are quite a few common issues for people living within the boundary of Saskatoon Centre, as opposed to those living in the suburbs. Some of the common issues include issues related to transportation infrastructure (i.e. public transit, bike lanes, residential speed limits, etc. as opposed to highway/freeway infrastructure, additional bridge crossings, etc); lack of grocery stores in downtown/core neighbourhoods; higher proportion of at-risk populations within the city centre (homeless, unemployed, shelter needs, additions, etc); higher First Nations population and allies living in the city centre

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47009

Name to modify: Saskatoon Centre /
Saskatoon-Centre

New name: Saskatoon Centre /
Saskatoon-Centre

Attachments:

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

Comments - Saskatoon Centre - University 19(1)

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Wed 2022-06-22 8:28 PM

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 22, 2022 5:57 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Centre Riding and Saskatoon University Riding

Dear Commission Members,

I would like to express my support for your proposed boundaries for a Saskatoon Centre and Saskatoon University ridings. I think it is reasonable to expect that inner city residents inside Circle Drive will have different concerns and interests than more suburban residents.

19(1)

Thank you for your efforts to ensure federal electoral boundaries make sense.

Best regards,

19(1)

19(1)



Comments, Saskatoon Centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 2022-06-14 7:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 14, 2022 3:06 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: New electoral boundaries input - Saskatoon Centre

Hello

Thanks for inviting public input on the proposed new boundaries for the federal electoral map. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I very much like the proposed Saskatoon Centre riding for my future constituency. I think it is important for there to be an MP elected who understands and represents the perspectives of people like me who live in the more established areas of the city, who own or rent modest properties in and around the city core. For too many years we have had our voices diluted by being part of large partially rural or suburban areas. I think people who live in the proposed City Centre riding have a sense of community, we spend time in our neighbourhoods and downtown, enjoy having a relaxed urban pace of life - appreciate having things like stores, parks, schools and recreation opportunities within walking and biking distance. We love our river bank and want it kept as a vibrant public space for nature appreciation and social events. We are concerned about downtown issues, and would like to see long term problems better dealt with so that we can have more of our citizens living happily and productively with the supports and facilities they need, whether it is safe affordable housing, secure and satisfying

6/14/22, 1:45 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

employment, home care and other social service supports like addiction help and recovery, clean and friendly streets, affordable and convenient transportation, accessible amenities like restaurants, the public library and cultural venues.

Having an MP in Ottawa who can speak for us would help us reach our potential as a city and build the kind of community spirit that pays dividends in goodwill and positive energy.

19(1)

Sincerely,

19(1)

Comments, Saskatoon Center [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 7, 2022 5:44 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Support for Saskatoon Centre Electoral District

Hello,

I would like to affirm my support for a Saskatoon Centre Electoral District.

19(1)

I believe this re-distribution will create a more coherent group of constituents with a common bond and set of concerns that will be more fairly represented in Ottawa.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information from me.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Comments, Saskatoon centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 2:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good morning [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 12, 2022 11:15 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Centre

Greetings members of the Boundaries Commission,
Thank you for your work to create a federal constituency that will better reflect the interests of residents of the central core of Saskatoon. A Saskatoon Centre riding will allow for more focused representation of the needs of Indigenous People. Work to address racism and reconciliation, to build a more equitable economy for the Indigenous population will be well served from within the boundary of Circle Drive.

[REDACTED]

Re: proposed new Saskatoon Centre Riding

[REDACTED]

Tue 2022-05-24 12:25 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Marlene,

I won't be able to make an oral presentation, thank you.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On May 23, 2022, at 5:35 PM, SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:

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Sent: May 23, 2022 8:18 PM
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Subject: proposed new Saskatoon Centre Riding

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Re: Saskatoon Centre
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Sat 2022-07-02 1:48 PM
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From: 19(1)
Sent: June 30, 2022 8:48 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Saskatoon Centre

To whom it may concern,

19(1) It seems to me that it would make sense for the riding boundaries in Saskatoon be shifted so we could have a Saskatoon Centre riding.

Many Indigenous people who live within Circle Drive in Saskatoon face incredible challenges like systemic racism. The overt racism in Saskatoon is bad enough! But, here is a chance for those voters to isolate issues that are important to them, issues are different than those outside of Circle Drive. Let's consider the principles of Reconciliation and recognize that changing the Federal boundaries would help Indigenous peoples systemically, in that they might be able to tackle the issues that could create more economic equality between Canada's settler and Indigenous populations.

Thanks for taking the time to read and consider this opinion.

Sincerely,


19(1)

Re: Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries19(1)

Fri 2022-06-03 7:30 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,

19(1) I was thrilled to hear about the proposal for a new federal election boundaries in Saskatoon. I have now carefully reviewed the proposal, which looks very sound to me. For reasons already listed in a previous email I sent in support of creating a new Saskatoon Centre riding, I fully support the creation of this new riding, which will enable the people of Saskatoon Centre to have representation – at long last!

Sincerely,

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Comments, Saskatoon-Center [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sun 2022-06-05 2:53 PM

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 3, 2022 6:25 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Proposal for Sask. Federal Electoral Boundaries

6/5/22, 8:53 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

To Saskatchewan Commission,

I am writing in regard to your recent proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries.

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19(1) I have seen a growth in our homeless population and otherwise disadvantaged groups. The proposed Saskatoon Centre riding (boundaries within Circle Drive) will definitely facilitate better representation for these at-risk and vulnerable citizens. I am confident their unique and complex needs will be more easily identified and better served by having a strictly urban Saskatoon federal riding.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and time.

19(1)

Comments, Saskatoon Centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue 2022-06-14 7:10 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process. If you are interested in presenting your views before the Commission at one of our public hearings, please let me know.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 14, 2022 12:53 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Centre Electoral District

Good morning,

I am writing to you in support of the tentative decision of the Electoral Boundary Commission to create an electoral district within Circle Drive, separate from the suburban areas. I believe that we, the urban residents of Saskatoon, have not had fair representation in the past, since our issues and concerns are often different from those of suburban voters. Creating the Saskatoon Centre constituency will be an important step towards addressing this problem.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

7/12/22, 7:01 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

Electoral boundaries for Saskatchewan

19(1)

Tue 2022-07-12 1:54 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Commission members,

I would like to voice my support for the proposed Saskatoon City Centre boundaries. 19(1)

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19(1) Therefore, I have insight into the vastly different needs and interests of core city dwellers and suburban citizens. I know how difficult it is to get groceries in my neighbourhood particularly when you have no transportation beyond your feet, and I have worked with suburban families who drive their child to school everyday and collect their groceries without a hesitation from stores at the outskirts of town. The needs and issues of the two groups cannot not be adequately addressed when mixed together in a riding that dilutes everyone's voice.

Thank you for your commitment to drawing boundaries that respond to the needs of Canadians.

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Comments, Saskatoon Centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-10 11:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your notice form. I have forwarded a copy to the Commission. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process.

If you are interested in presenting your position before the Commission at one of our public hearings or the Virtual Hearing, please let me know.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 10, 2022 10:33 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Federal Boundary Redistribution

6/10/22, 5:16 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook

I am writing to support the commission's decision to establish one riding inside Circle Drive, and two suburban ridings outside Circle Drive. I believe that constituents inside Circle Drive share many issues as a result of living in our most urban areas of the city. Similarly those living outside Circle Drive live in newer, more suburban ridings and therefore will also tend to share many concerns which affect those neighbourhoods.

I hope you will consider my comments in the upcoming process.

Sincerely,

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Comment, Saskatoon [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-06-11 3:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. I have forwarded a copy to the Commission. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process.

If you are interested in presenting your position before the Commission at one of our public hearings or the Virtual Hearing, please let me know.

Regards, Marlene

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 11, 2022 8:03 AM

6/11/22, 9:03 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>**Subject:** Comment on Proposal for Saskatchewan's Federal Electoral Boundaries

I would like to thank the commission for your recommendations of one urban constituency inside the Circle and two suburban constituencies outside the Circle. This makes sense to me because it recognizes that the concerns and issues faced by those living in older urban areas of Saskatoon differ from the concerns and issues faced by those living in newer suburban areas of Saskatoon.

Thank you,

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Re: Saskatoon Centre

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Tue, 2022-05-24 2:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your remarks and interest in the work of the Commission. If you wish to make an oral presentation before the Commission at the Saskatoon Public Hearings on June 20 & 21st, please let me know. If you choose not to, your comments will still be considered by the Commission.

Thank you again for your interest in this very important democratic process.

Regards,
Marlene

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: May 24, 2022 2:58 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Centre

Hello, I am writing in support of the proposed Saskatoon Centre federal riding. [REDACTED] I feel the new riding would better represent our urban communities than previous configurations did.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

5/24/22, 8:34 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

19(1)



Sent from my mobile device

Support for Saskatoon Centre riding

19(1)

Sat 2022-06-04 6:46 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing this email as a Saskatchewan resident who resides within the boundaries of the proposed riding of Saskatoon Centre.

I am strongly in support of this proposed riding as I feel it will better represent my interests.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed riding and please know there is widespread support for this improvement to Saskatchewan's electoral boundaries.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

19(1)

Sent from my iPhone

Comments - Saskatoon Centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-07-09 1:48 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 8, 2022 2:09 AM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Electoral boundary changes

Dear Sir or Madam: This e-mail is to indicate my support for a Saskatoon Centre riding. There is a high concentration of aboriginal people resident in this proposed riding so there is a strong community of interest. For the future well-being of the province it is important that aboriginal people feel that their issues have a chance of being heard and represented in an urban riding. Such a change is long overdue.

Sent from my iPad

Fw: Comments - [REDACTED] Saskatoon-Grasswood

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Thu 2022-05-19 5:25 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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From: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sent: May 19, 2022 5:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Comments - [REDACTED] Saskatoon-Grasswood

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the additional information and your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission. I note your indication that you will not be presenting your comments at any of the public hearings. I wish to assure you that, even though you choose not to appear, your comments will be considered by the Commission.

Thank you again for your participation.

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5/19/22, 11:26 AM

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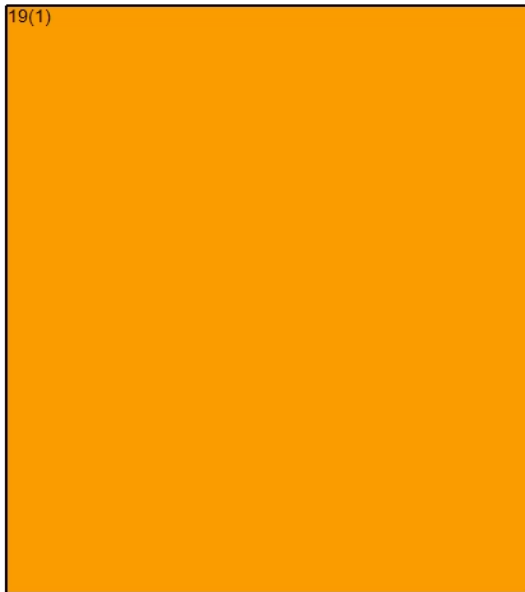
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From: 19(1)
Sent: May 19, 2022 3:29 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Re: Saskatoon-Grasswood district redistribution

Hi Marlene,

19(1) Lakeview and the adjacent neighbourhood of Lake ridge are boarded by Taylor street in the north, Yellowed (HWY 16) in the south, Circle drive in the west, and Boychuck ave in the east. I hope this helps.

Best,



5/19/22, 11:26 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

On May 18, 2022, at 2:14 PM, SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca> wrote:


Dear  Thank you for your comments and participating in this very important democratic process.

In order for the Commission to be better able to address your concerns, can you describe using City Streets, or other landmarks, the area about which you are concerned.


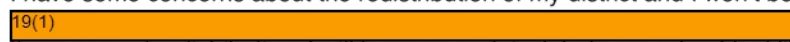
Thank you again for your participation.

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From: 
Sent: May 18, 2022 7:14 PM
To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Saskatoon-Grasswood district redistribution

Hello,

I have some concerns about the redistribution of my district and I won't be able to make an in-person public hearings. 
 in the present district, I feel like I could vote collectively with my community, but with the proposed redistribution, I will be very much isolated as a voter. I feel like the candidates would have very little regard for the concerns of my neighbourhood, as compared to the larger community of the proposed district.

Normally, I keep to myself and don't complain often, but this change seems very counter-intuitive to me. I hope this proposal will be reconsidered and you will try to group larger sections of neighbourhoods together into the districts. I don't say this to just archive my own ends, but for all Canadians.

Thank you for your time,

Regards,



5/19/22, 11:26 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

19(1)



Comments, Saskatoon Center [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-03 2:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 2, 2022 3:11 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Center

The formation of a federal riding in Saskatoon Center is the correct move in placing my fellow citizens in Saskatoon in the same riding. I do not align with rural voters.

6/3/22, 6:02 PM

Mail - SK - Outlook



Comments, Saskatoon [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-20 3:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good evening [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email which I have forwarded to the Commission. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this important democratic process.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 19, 2022 6:56 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: New electoral riding

Hello

I am away and unable to attend the public hearings. Thank you for doing this work. In the current configuration the city of Saskatoon is dominated by rural concerns. This will be more equitable.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Comments, Saskatoon-Centre [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Fri 2022-06-03 2:55 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 3, 2022 4:07 AM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Saskatoon Centre Electoral District

Greetings,

 I would like to commend the electoral boundary commissioners on their recent tentative decision to create a new electoral district within Circle Drive, separate from the suburban areas. I strongly believe that urban residents of Saskatoon have concerns and interests distinctly different from those in suburban areas, and should be afforded the opportunity to elect representatives who can better represent them - which has not been the case for a long time.

I would urge the commissioners to stay the course with this wise decision.

Yours Truly,





Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-14

RIM ID: 1652544054EELAPFPSLL

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

This proposal brings the neighborhood of Lakeview in the same district as all its neighbours with which they share a very strong community of interest: common infrastructure, commuting patterns and arteries, public services like parks and schools and similar demographics compared to its inclusion in Saskatoon-Grasswood, which features mostly west-side neighborhoods and rural areas. This proposal removes River Heights as that neighborhood has far more of these shared interests with the neighbourhoods of Lawson Heights and Silverwood Heights in Saskatoon-Waunuskewin. It also also excludes the U of S as its unique status is best represented in the more diverse Saskatoon-Centre rather than the relatively homogenous suburban district in which it is currently located. Since the U of S and the neighbourhoods that service it, like Varisty View are no longer contained in the district, the current name does not make sense and it should be simply retitled Saskatoon-East.

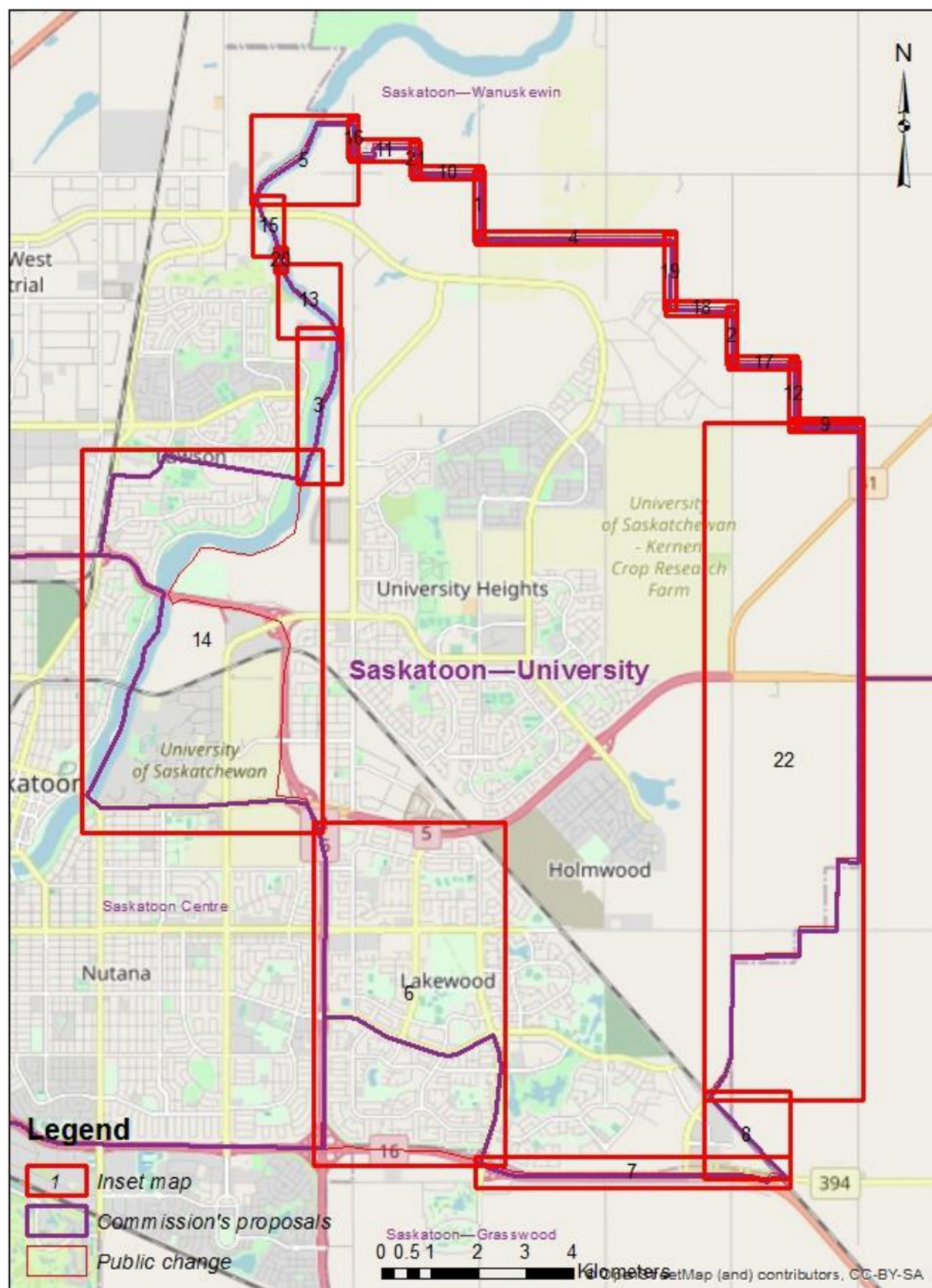
Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47011

Name to modify: Saskatoon—University /
Saskatoon—University

New name: Saskatoon—East /
Saskatoon—Est

Attachments:

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



Saskatoon Centre Boundaries - Thank you!

19(1)

Tue, 2022-05-10 3:11 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Dear Boundary officials,

I am writing to congratulate you on establishing the most representative boundaries for constituents living in the central neighbourhoods of City of Saskatoon as per your latest report! In particular, thank you for responding to the submission from 19(1)

19(1)

19(1) I look forward to being part of a group of voters who truly best represent the interests of the City of Saskatoon. The strongest and fairest grouping of constituents is the least we can ask if we want to deepen and strengthen our democratic processes.

In addition, 19(1) I am particularly concerned with the socio-economic conditions experienced by predominantly Indigenous people living in the city's core neighbourhoods. I feel that the current boundaries will enable those of us who are committed to supporting policy makers that do not forget about these vulnerable people will now have a strengthened political voice.

Again, my thanks!

Take care,

19(1)



Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-21

RIM ID: 1653154092DYALOQGOLE

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

The proposed boundaries near Duck Lake, Saskatchewan follow Highway 11 rather than the natural boundary which is the river. The current boundaries that follow the river make much more sense. Under the proposed boundaries, people who live on the east side of Duck Lake would have to travel across the river to a polling place 30-45 minutes away in another town (likely Wakaw), rather than voting at a polling place in Duck Lake. Please change the boundaries back to the existing boundary which follows the natural boundary which is the South Saskatchewan river.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47012

Name to modify: Saskatoon—Wanuskewin /
Saskatoon—Wanuskewin

New name: Saskatoon—Wanuskewin /
Saskatoon—Wanuskewin

Attachments:

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



**Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission
for: Saskatchewan**

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-19

RIM ID: 1652977782KTHXMBFPFV

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

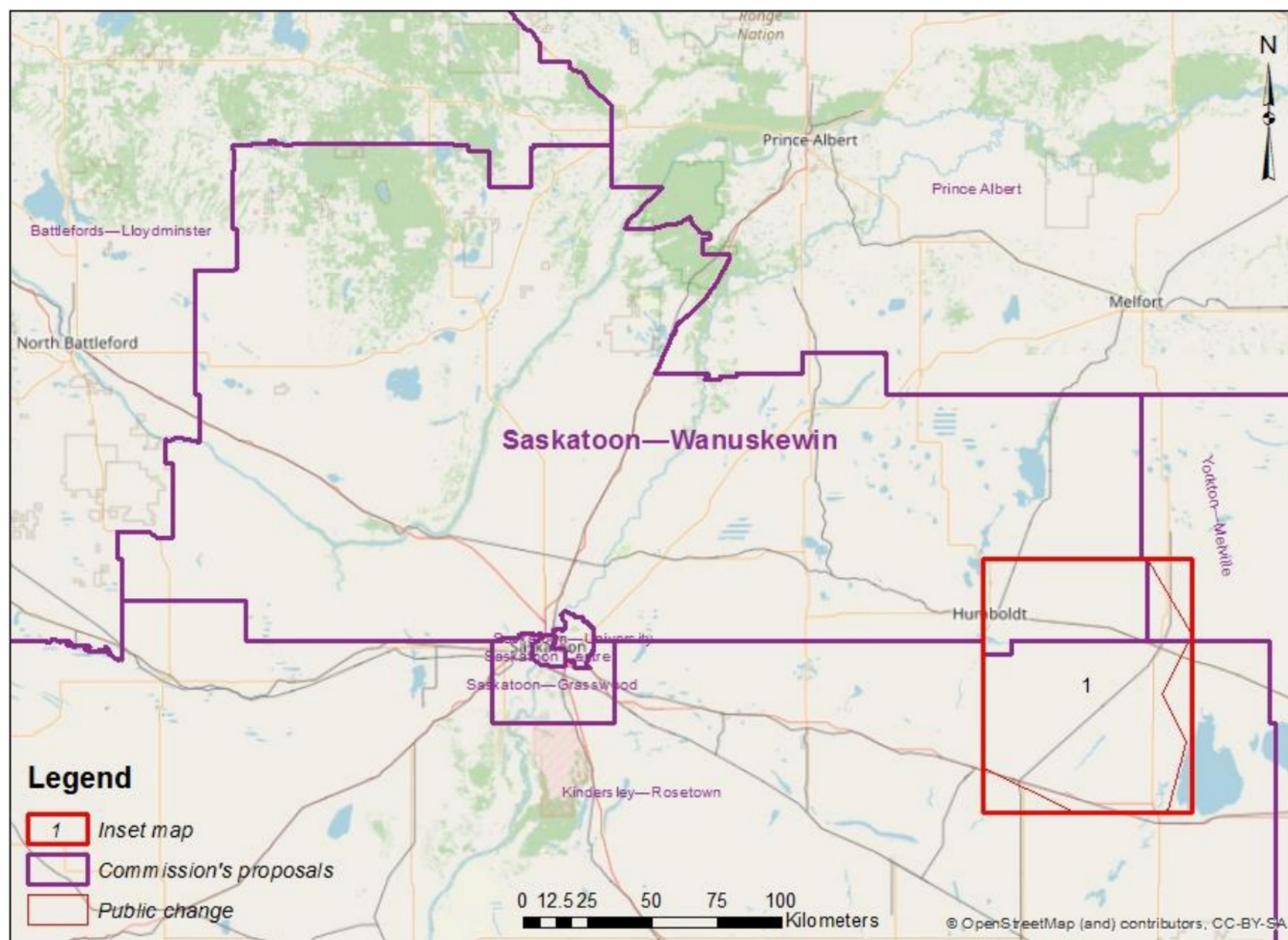
Lanigan, Watson and Leroy have more in common with Humboldt as far as farming, the mine, sharing resources, population disbursement and needs. Humboldt has less in common with Warman and Melville. Having rural centers not be resented and then divided adds to their needs being neglected and ignored as has been for the last few years. Humboldt and area is growing and needs representation that's strong. It will be strong to be part of the population of supporting rural centers that utilize Humboldt's services, supports and resources.

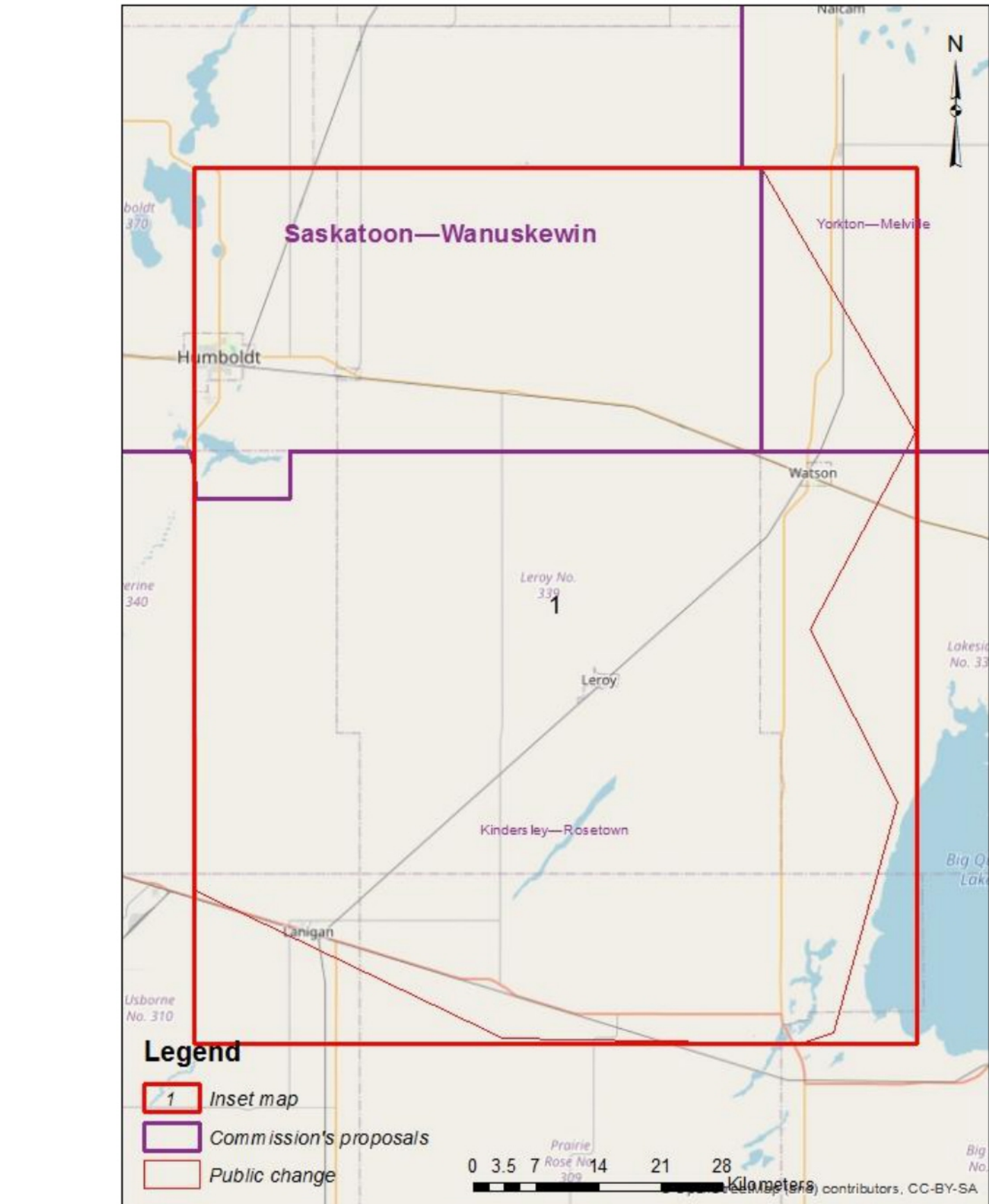
Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47012

Name to modify: Saskatoon—Wanuskewin /
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New name: Saskatoon—Wanuskewin /
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Attachments:**Person's availability to participate in the following public hearings:**

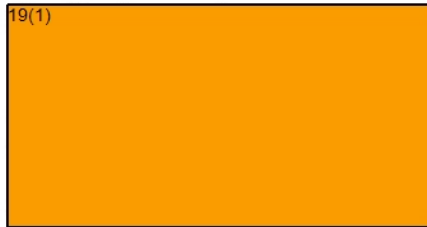




Presentation to the Saskatchewan Commission

Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution 2022

Submitted by:



Submitted via email: July 14,2022

Submitted to: Ms Marlene Rodie - Commission Secretary
Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission
SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

This brief submission will focus on the mandate of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission Boundary Commission's as stated in the Saskatchewan Commission Report:

The overarching principle of the Act is to make sure that each Riding "*shall, as closely as reasonably possible, correspond to the electoral quota for the province; And that communities of interest and identity, historical patterns, and geographic size in proposing electoral boundaries*" were taken into consideration by the commission as noted in the summary statement of the report.

Topics of concern include:

- boundary readjustments
- population parity
- communities of interest and identity
- historical patterns

Proposed Boundary Readjustments for Saskatoon area electoral districts

The Commission's report states:

Ten years ago, the consensus was that the boundaries, which took into consideration historical relationships and natural trading and traffic patterns, were serving Saskatchewan, and more specifically, Saskatoon and its neighboring communities very well.

If boundaries worked "*very well*" for the past ten years, the proposed changes to the 14 districts in Saskatchewan are unnecessary except for adjustments to balance the population of the ridings to achieve "population parity". The proposals to drop Saskatoon West to create Saskatoon Grasswood and to reduce the size and population numbers of Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River are radical and deserve reconsideration by the Commission.

Population Parity

According to the Commission Report, between the 2011 and 2021 censuses Saskatchewan's population count increased from 1,033,381 to 1,132,505. The population of the Province, divided by 14, gives an electoral quota for each electoral district of 80,893.

The Report further states that the legislation allows an electoral quota for up to 25% deviation in exceptional circumstances, but encourages much smaller variances, less than 10%. Historically, variations have been less than 10% and often less than 5%. However, under this Commission proposal only seven districts are within 5%; five are over 5%; one at 10%, and one at 44% (Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River).

The Commission decided that the substantial variation quota of 44% for Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River electoral district was justified due to the dominant Indigenous population with its historical distinct cultural heritage and way of life.

The Act provides that the division of electoral districts in a province "shall proceed on the basis that the population of each electoral district [...] shall, as close as reasonably possible, correspond to the electoral quota for the province. "This principle is often referred to as **population parity**, and its rationale rests in the democratic principle of one person, one vote."

The decision of the Commission to reduce the population and size of the Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River by moving the population areas from the southern edges of the current riding into the Prince Albert electoral district distorts the concept of population parity. While there may be cultural differences among the population of this riding, all the people riding have the same basic needs to survive.

A competent Member of Parliament can recognize and address the different cultural and lifestyle needs and concerns. The current boundaries for Desnethe-Missinippi Churchill River electoral district should remain as is with no change.

Community of Interest

The prairie province of Saskatchewan has one overarching "**community of interest**" It is agriculture. There are other substantial industries, such as oil, forestry, mining, health care, and technology, but agriculture is the one industry that effects the economic well-being of the entire province. Urban and rural residents have the same basic needs and concerns. Even if some cities, towns and rural areas have different problems often a result of crime, drugs, poverty, lack of employment or housing, etc, a person's basic needs are the same.

If the Commission determines that the Indigenous population of Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River are a specific "*community of interest and identity*", it must also give the same recognition to the population of the Saskatoon West district. .

The Commission proposes to eliminate the Saskatoon West electoral district by moving some areas to the newly proposed Saskatoon Centre district with the remaining areas joining ridings on the east side of the river to form Saskatoon Grasswood. This proposal ignores the fact that there is no "*community of interest and identity*" among these districts. Areas west of Circle Drive are mainly immigrant and indigenous peoples and individuals in a at-risk lifestyle. It is mainly an area of blue collar workers who earn an average living.

The population on the east side of the river are much more affluent. For example, Stonebridge and Lakeridge have the highest average incomes in the city and high house prices.

Futhermore, there is a more serious problem with the Saskatoon Grasswood proposal. It ignores the historical pattern of the South Saskatchewan river being an natural boundary for political based ridings. The Commission should revisit this idea and maintain the river boundary, keep the Saskatoon West electoral district, and adjust the electoral district on the east side of the river to become Saskatoon Grasswood.

Historical Patterns

While I have not studied all the proposed electoral district maps in great detail, I will still mention the historical pattern for district boundaries have made common use of rivers, major highways or roadways and RM boundaries. As mentioned, at least Saskatoon Grasswood violates this long standing pattern.

The hub and spoke model of previous years is ideal for Saskatchewan. It balances the rules outlined in Section 15 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act. It could accommodate the Saskatoon city population using the natural historic boundary patterns.

Ten years ago Saskatoon and Regina has four Member of Parliament representing urban and rural blended electoral districts. This approach worked very well for the two cities and did not affect the composition of the other ten ridings which accommodated Saskatchewan's vast geography and the population distribution. The Commission should consider the 'hub and spoke' proposal as it is an equitable and democratic model.

Recommendations

The Commission should go back to the drawing board to redo their reconfigurations to the electoral districts boundaries to be fair to all of the electorate and to all political parties.

1. The current boundaries for Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River electoral district should remain as the proposal electoral quota deviation of 44% is too extreme and does not meet the principle of 'population parity'.
2. The proposal to eliminate Saskatoon West should be revised for several reasons:
 - 2.1 Areas of the city on the west side of the river should remain in an electoral district on the west side to comply with the natural river boundary line and not be moved to the east side of the river to become part of the proposed Saskatoon Grasswood district.
 - 2.2 Populations on the west side of the river in Saskatoon should have the same 'community of interest' designation as the Commission gives the First Nations reserves.
3. The hub and spoke model should be proposed for Saskatoon and Regina to establish four electoral districts in each city as it is an ideal solution to the demographics of these cities.

19(1)

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written feedback for the 2022 Saskatchewan federal boundary redistribution. I am writing to express my concerns with the manner in which the proposed boundaries, namely the creation of the Saskatoon-Centre riding will negatively impact the riding of Saskatoon-Grasswood.

By introducing the west side of Saskatoon into Saskatoon-Grasswood, any Member of Parliament may find it impossible to adequately represent the vastly different interests of the area. The natural dividing line has historically been the South Saskatchewan River and it should remain so. As a Saskatoon transplant (I moved into Saskatoon from North Battleford in 1977) I lived and taught on the west side for several years and I can attest to the fact that there are definite socio-economic differences between the east and the west side of Saskatoon. In my humble opinion these differences would cause great difficulties for a Member of Parliament from any party to fairly represent the citizens of both sides.

My second concern is that the proposed boundary changes do not represent transit patterns in the city. Residents of communities such as Stonebridge and Corman Park generally use city services north of Circle Drive.

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The South Saskatchewan River has been and should continue to be the primary dividing line for electoral boundaries because it is representative of the way Saskatoon citizens live and travel within the city.

I am also concerned this redistribution will impair the ability of residents in all areas of Saskatoon from having representation that reflects their values and interests. This redistribution of the boundary lines will almost surely entrench Members of Parliament of certain affiliations making our electoral process less competitive. It concerns me that the new boundaries will be drawn to achieve political alignment disregarding the actual needs of the citizens.

I would suggest that something closer to the current riding makeup, with the necessary population changes being taken into account, would make more sense. In recent history, these ridings have been competitive to the point where supporters of non-incumbent candidates have a realistic opportunity to be represented by their preferred candidate and this is as it should be. In reality there are different implications for east and west side communities and I fail to understand the logic of changing boundary lines to include both east and west side communities when the South Saskatchewan River is such an obvious and historical boundary. It would appear that changing the boundary lines in this manner, is a blatant attempt to manipulate outcomes in future elections at the expense of citizens in these communities.

Thank you.

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Comments, Souris-Moose Mountain [REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Mon 2022-06-13 5:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. I have forwarded a copy to the Commission. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission and this important democratic process.

If you are interested in presenting your position before the Commission at one of our public hearings or the Virtual Hearing, please let me know.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 13, 2022 4:07 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Redistribution Electoral Boundaries Commission - Issues

The Commissions - Public Participation for Saskatchewan

Please note the following redistribution concerns that I have issues with:

- Souris -Moose Mountain: Located in the most South Eastern part of the province, it includes the cities of Weyburn and Estevan, which are mostly oil/gas and mining industries, along with rural farming areas. There is no way that the West end of Regina, (Sherwood #159) should be included since residents and industries do business with the city of Regina and Provincial Gov't located in the capital. That municipal area should be included with Regina-Lewvan.
- The same with Sherwood #159 area south of Regina-Wascana - It should be included with Regina-Wascana and not with Souris- Moose Mountain.
- The Regina south boundaries should not end at the ring road, since the outskirts businesses do their work with/in Regina.
- Suggest that the southern boundary around Regina be changed from ring road to South Bypass highway.

NOTE: Regina area Residents and service industries do not want an MP who will be more focused on Estevan and Weyburn. They could have their sitting MP within a few kilometres instead of a few

hundred!

- The same with the town of Lumsden. It should be included with Regina-Lewvan and not Kindersley-Rosetown.

While I understand the redistribution committee has evaluated the population of each electoral boundary, there should have been more consideration to where communities do business, etc., and try to keep those districts together where they can have good local representation. The way the SK map is being redrawn, it is actually causing a separation and I'm afraid many will get lost in fair representation.

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To: **Federal Election Boundary Commission**

From:

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Date: **July 14, 2022**

Submissions to Commission

Background

1. Thank you for the opportunity to present my submissions to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan ("**the Commission**") regarding the proposed redistribution of the Federal Electoral District of Souris – Moose Mountain ("**SMM**"). It is my belief that the electoral boundary issue is an important one for all constituents across the country and in particular, to those of us living in this Province.

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Issue

3. The focus of the within presentation is the "community of interest" or "community of identity" factor in determining whether the proposed boundary readjustment to SMM is "reasonable." In particular, I will be concentrating on the proposed addition of a large section of the metropolitan area of the City of Regina to SMM.
4. For the reasons hereinafter more particularly outlined, I respectfully submit that the addition of additional areas presently lying outside of the boundaries of SMM (and in particular the metropolitan area of Regina) should **not** be included in any proposed boundary readjustment.

Analysis

Legislative Mandate for Communities of Interest

5. Section 15 of the *Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act* R.S.C., 1985, c. E-3 ("**the Act**") legislatively guides this Commission's mandate in preparing its report for proposed boundary readjustments. In so doing, Section 15(b)(i) states as follows:

“(b) the commission **shall consider** the following in determining reasonable electoral district boundaries:

- (i) **the community of interest or community of identity** in or the historical pattern of an electoral district in the province, and
- (ii) a manageable geographic size for districts in sparsely populated, rural or northern regions of the province.” (Emphasis added)

6. At the outset, and to frame this analysis, it must be asked: “What is a community of interest?” The Act itself does not define what a “community of interest” is or could be. However, there are a number of definitions one can use as a reference for defining this term, including:

- a. *Black’s Law Dictionary* defines it, in part, as:
 “...interest common to...all parties...wherein in each and all are reciprocally concerned and from which each and all derive material benefit and sustain a mutual responsibility.”
- b. In an article by Michael Pal, *The Fractured Right to Vote: Democracy, Discretion, and Designing Electoral Districts*, 2016 61-2 *McGill Law Journal* 231, 2016 CanLIIDocs 337, he cited:
 “The Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and Party Financing 90 (the Lortie Commission) defined community of interest to include ***traditional concepts, including local boundaries such as school boards, geographic factors like the presence of mountains or rivers, and the history of a district.***” (Emphasis added)
- c. In the context of a municipal polling reference discussing municipal boundaries, **In The Matter of the Municipal Government Act and an Application by Halifax Regional Municipality**, 2004 NSUAR 11 (CanLII), a reference was made of a witness who gave a very good summation of what constitutes a “community of interest”:

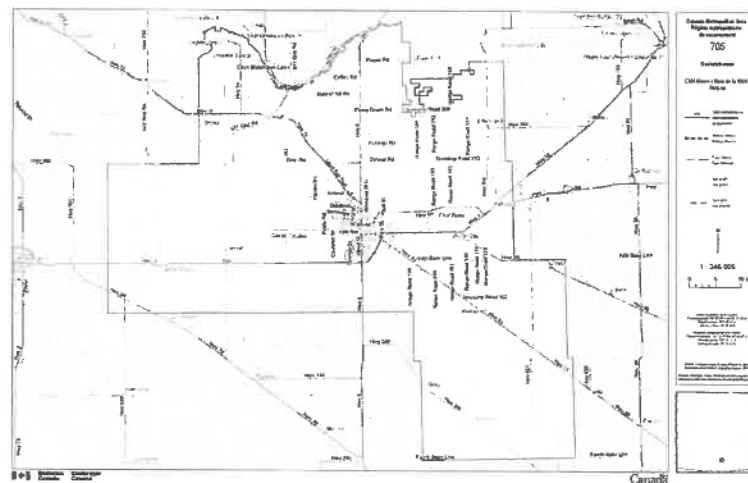
“Many witnesses spoke to community of interest issues. Mr. Schaffenburg who, in the Board’s view, has a very good familiarity with community of interest issues within HRM, indicated that in his opinion both the HRM Modified Proposal (Table 3) and the DBAC 20 district proposal, generally speaking, satisfy community of interest concerns...Mr. Radchuck defined community of interest as:

“The compact and contiguous geographic area in which the residents have common or shared social, cultural, ethnic, or economic interests.” (Emphasis added)

7. The above are certainly not an exhaustive list of definitions that could constitute the broad scope of a “community of interest” but does provide some useful parameters in framing the issue.
8. Further, in analysing what is a "community of interest" aspect, there are three (3) other components that, it is submitted, must also be factored:
 - *Perceptual* - what is the sense of belonging of certain residents to an area;
 - *Functional* - ability to meet the needs of the community (health care, commercial, etc.); and
 - *Political* - having a representative that can represent the community's interests

Communities of Interest for Souris Moose Mountain Electoral District

9. The most stark example of where the proposed redistribution of the SMM constituency is not factoring the “community of interest” or “community of identity” for the SMM specifically is the fact that a large swath of the metropolitan area of the City of Regina is to be included (see map below delineating the metropolitan area of the City of Regina.



(Source: Statistics Canada <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/as-sa/fogs-spg/Facts-cma-eng.cfm?LANG=eng&GK=CMA&GC=705&TOPIC=1>)

10. In this analysis, a contrast and comparison will be made between the existing SMM constituency and that of the metropolitan area of Regina that is proposed to be added to it.

Economic

11. Historically, the SMM Constituency has been driven by the following economic identities and “community of interests”:
 - a. *Oil and gas production* – While perhaps currently considered *verboten* in today’s environmental-driven agenda, the region has been one of the largest areas of oil and gas production within the Province of Saskatchewan. Estevan and Weyburn (and to a lesser extent, smaller communities such as Kipling and Carlyle) are home to many varied oilfield related service corporations;
 - b. *Agricultural* – This has been a mainstay of the area for generations;
 - c. *Energy Production* – Estevan, in particular, has been a major producer of energy for not only Southeast Saskatchewan but the Province of Saskatchewan as a whole (though closure of both the present mine and Shand and Boundary Generations stations appear imminent).
12. In contrast, the economic drivers of Regina and area are very different:
 - a. *Political Hub* - As the provincial capital, it serves as the political and bureaucratic hub which employs thousands in the government sector and Crown corporations, such as, but not limited to SaskTel, SaskEnergy and SaskPower.
 - b. *Industrial Manufacturing* - Regina is also well known for its industrial manufacturing with some of the major players being Evraz (steel manufacturing), the Co-op Heavy Oil Upgrader (oil and gas refining) and Brandt Industries (farm equipment manufacturing).

Social

13. Socially, the SMM Constituency has always been identified by its rural roots, punctuated by its two largest cities and urban areas, Estevan and Weyburn. Admittedly, the rural roots have diminished over the generations and the urban population of Saskatchewan is of course now greater than the rural population. Notwithstanding this degradation, Regina still is one of the Province’s two largest cities by population and, it is submitted, does not “fit” into, at the very least, the *perception* that the SMM is still very much a rural riding.
14. The urban / rural divide and what it can lead to in boundary redistribution was noted by Dr. Howard Leeson Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Regina in an article by Trillian Reynoldson at <https://www.discoverweyburn.com/articles/how-proposed-electoral-boundaries-would-affect-souris-moose-mountain-riding>. He notes that

“depopulation” of rural areas is the primary driver of adding “urban” ridings to traditionally “rural” ridings and identified how this has led to some large “incongruent” communities of interest, particularly in including portions of metropolitan Regina with rural ridings such as SMM:

“I know there's a problem here because of the depopulation in rural areas...For instance, you have people in Lumsden voting with people in Kindersley. *There's no common interest left anymore in there because the people of Lumsden are really a bedroom community of Regina, and Kindersley is quite close to the Alberta border in a very rural area.*” (Emphasis added)

15. The same argument can be made about simply adding a large swath of metropolitan Regina (constituted by bedroom communities and rural municipalities, such as the RM of Sherwood) to an otherwise rural riding.

Geographic

16. As the above noted map clearly demonstrates, a large geographical portion of the Regina Metropolitan area is sought to be incorporated into the SMM. Most notably, the RM of Sherwood, which encompasses a large swath West of the City of Regina proper is to be included. On its website, the RM clearly states that:

“The RM of Sherwood encompasses the City of Regina...”
17. The City of Regina and its expanding urban expanse outside of its boundaries has never been connected to SMM. Historically, rural areas have always had a “hub” that they were affixed to - a centre where commerce, recreation and social activities met the needs of both urban and rural residents. This, I would submit, still exists today. Those, for example, in SMM as it is presently configured, typically radiate to the larger centres of Estevan and Weyburn. As they draw further north, however, the association weakens and Regina is seen as the pull - to add rural Wascana to SMM (as happened in the 2012 redistribution) and now a large portion of the RM of Sherwood does not do justice to the community of interest of those smaller centres that draw on Regina rather than an Estevan or a Weyburn.
18. On a final note regarding geography, while outside the scope of this specific submission, the ever increasing geographic size of the proposed SMM will make it extremely challenging for a single representative to equally serve all residents.

Other Factors

19. Lastly, the context of the “community of interest” within the factors identified above also deserve mention as follows:

- a. *Perceptual* – the residents of SMM do not have a sense of belonging with areas immediately outside of the City of Regina – Regina is seen as the provincial capital and the SMM does not share the same sphere of influence as does Regina and its surrounding areas;
- b. *Functional* – similarly, all of the needs of the residents of SMM have their needs met by the smaller hubs of Esetvan and Weyburn, be it health care, industry and commercial. Regina and area, on the other hand, is seen as a place where the residents of SMM go to see specialists and a large centre to find niche goods and services not ordinarily found in this corner of the Province; and
- c. *Political* – SMM has always been a “small c” conservative area whether it be political, ideological or religious. Historically, Regina and surrounding area does not share that same cohesiveness, notwithstanding the current dominance of the Conservative Party of Canada in recent federal elections.

Conclusion

20. To conclude, I realize that the work of the Commission is difficult in looking at competing interests, however, based on the factors enumerated within this submission, I hope the Commission will pause to carefully and seriously consider whether the proposed addition of an “outlier area” to the boundaries of the SMM will in fact meld into the traditional and relatively homogenous “community of interest” of the SMM.

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6/11/22, 11:09 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

[REDACTED]

SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Sat 2022-06-11 5:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your public hearing notice form. I have duly noted that you will [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I will advise you, a week in advance
of the hearing, of your time.

Thank you for your participation in this important democratic process.

Regards, Marlene

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June 11, 2022 4:30 PM

6/11/22, 11:09 AM

Mail - SK - Outlook

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Public Hearing Participation 19(1)

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My subject: 1) The new riding of Kindersley-Rosetown will mean a riding with no government services or access to Service Canada and almost certainly an MP who lives outside the riding with a riding office that is rarely open
2) Kindersley is an improper home base for an MP. All ridings in Saskatchewan, when possible, should be anchored by an urban centre. Kindersley isn't even close to the geographical center of the riding and constituents like me will have to travel vast distances to meet with our MP.
My comments will be in: English



Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-10

RIM ID: 1652199654BZGGDFAOYF

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Combines central, pre-war urban neighbourhoods with similar characteristics (density, age of construction, etc) along with surrounding neighbourhoods to reach the reference quota. Presents in my view a more rational basis of separating out neighbourhoods from wholly-urban Regina federal electoral districts into Regina-Qu'Appelle (based on proximity to manufacturing/resource jobs north of Regina, 1970s-present day construction suburban neighbourhoods, etc). Uses the Ring Road/9th Ave N as a boundary much in the same manner as the proposed Saskatoon Centre federal electoral district.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47006

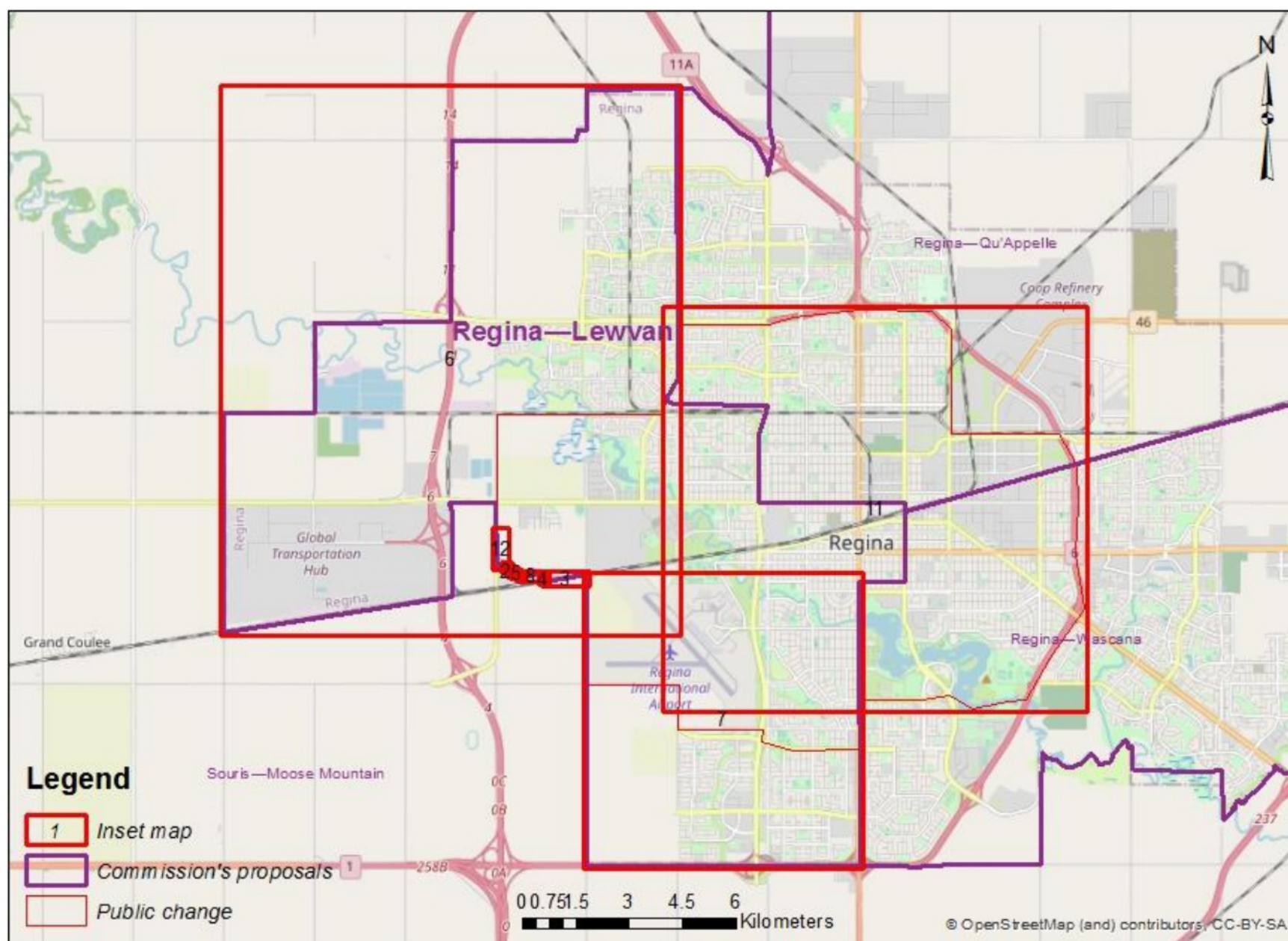
Name to modify: Regina—Lewvan /
Regina—Lewvan

New name: Regina Centre /
Regina—Centre

Attachments:

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

Thursday July 14, 2022 1:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM





Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

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Date received: 2022-05-10

RIM ID: 1652201978IHRXPOWYCZ

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

Proposes a more plausible basis , in my view, of separating out neighbourhoods from the rest of the City of Regina (proximity to resource/manufacturing employment centres in the north, age of construction, density, etc). Includes as much as the highly salient "North of Dewdney" communities in one federal electoral district, although Dewdney itself is impractical as a boundary. Regina--Qu'Appelle in this proposal becomes a more wholly suburban-exurban riding, hewing closer to the boundaries of the Regina Census Metropolitan Area, and including bedroom "satellite" communities (Lumsden, White City, Pilot Butte, Balgonie) -- the Regina commuter shed -- as well as similar beach and resort communities such as Regina Beach, Katepwa, B-Say-Tah, and Lumsden Beach.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47007

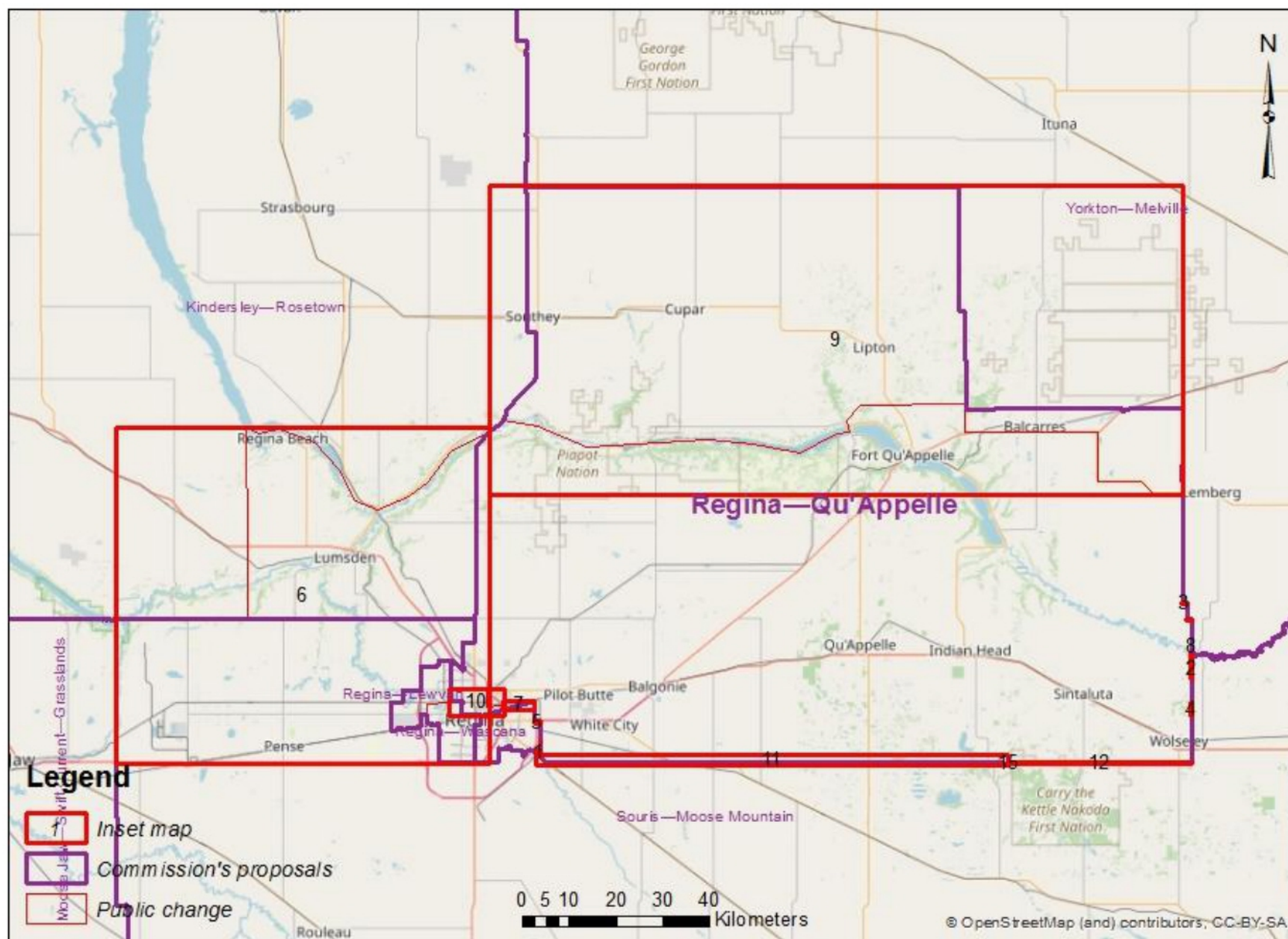
Name to modify: Regina—Qu'Appelle /
Regina—Qu'Appelle

New name: Regina—Qu'Appelle /
Regina—Qu'Appelle

Attachments:

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

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

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Date received: 2022-05-10

RIM ID: 1652200867EEDMVVTR0U

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: Y

Name change: N

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: Y

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

For many Regina residents, the north and south ends of town are one of the most salient boundaries for a "community of interest", as demonstrated by the common expressions "North of Dewdney" and "South of Dewdney", which are even sold on T-shirts in some local businesses. The population numbers in Regina don't allow for using Dewdney as the federal electoral district boundary, however. Following the boundary modifications caused by my proposed Regina Centre federal electoral district, this district would encapsulate many so-called "South of Dewdney" neighbourhoods of similar characteristics (age of construction, income, density, education etc) along with existing Arcola East neighbourhoods that share the same predominantly suburban character. Harbour Landing (along with the proposed expansion area west of Harbour Landing) join this suburban southern federal electoral district, which would also contain the very similar The Greens neighbourhood.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47008

Name to modify: Regina—Wascana /
Regina—Wascana

New name: Regina—Wascana /
Regina—Wascana

Attachments:

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

Thursday July 14, 2022 1:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Re: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan
SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Sat 2022-07-02 2:05 PM
To:

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Good Day

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I acknowledge and thank you for your letter. I have duly noted that you 19(1)
19(1) The Commission is pleased that you will be making a submission. Our plan is to assign specific times so that people are not waiting if there is something else they must do. Do you have a preference as to when you would like to speak?

Regards, Marlene

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From: 19(1)

Sent: June 29, 2022 9:13 PM

To: SK <SK@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>

Subject: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan

To whom it may concern,
Please find attached a letter requesting 19(1)

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June 29, 2022

To: Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan

Re: Boundaries Souris-Moose Mountain

Thank you for having an in person meeting 19(1)

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19(1) You will find my contact information on this letterhead.

As you will know the riding presently is large and has varying areas of interest. I hope I will be able to give you some local information as it may relate to the many local communities, their traffic flow patterns, commercial business interests, as well as population growth due to industry proposals.

I look forward to hearing from you and for the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

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Public Submission regarding the Proposal of the Commission for: Saskatchewan

19(1)

Date received: 2022-05-26

RIM ID: 1653533288YDEUVWRFJ

Type of comments received:

New: Y

Map: N

Name change: Y

Attachment: N

Request participation to public hearing: N

Contact Information:

Comments provided:

While Yorkton and Melville are both larger communities in the ridings, they are both are the extreme southern end and therefore the name is not representative of the whole riding. Better would be to use geographical and regional names. The Touchwood Hills have been added to the riding and represents a region of the riding. Carrot River Valley is the name of a provincial riding which covers most of the northern part of this newly redrawn federal riding. The name speaks to the communities of the northern portion adding to the representativeness of the name. I do recognize that the name for the ridings has been Yorkton-Melville for a long time and there is an argument to be made about keeping a name.

Electoral District Name Change (English/French): 47014

Name to modify: Yorkton—Melville /
Yorkton—Melville

New name: Yorkton—Touchwood-Carrot River /
Yorkton—Touchwood-Carrot River

Attachments:

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

1. **From:** 19(1)
Sent: May 31, 2022 1:27 AM
To: SK <SK@redécoupage-federal-redistribution.ca>
Subject: Redistribution for Yorkton Melville constituency

I would like to see the boundary around Shesheep IR changed back to the original boundary of the Qu'Appelle River. Shesheep reserve has a large recreational area and residential area for many people of non indigenous origins. The people that make this area their permanent homes want to be involved in the constituency that they do most of their business in. Their children go to school in this constituency and they attend church services in Yorkton Melville These people far outnumber the residents of Shesheep Reserve and should belong to Yorkton Melville and not Souris Moose Mountain.

Respectfully submitted

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- I believe he is referring to the boundaries before the 2012 redistribution. The 2002 redistribution had the boundary following the Qu'Appelle River. This put Shesheep Indian Reserve into Yorkton—Melville. In 2012, Shesheep and Sakimay were added to Souris—Moose Mountain. The 2022 boundary follows the same line as the 2012 boundary.
- Adding this population (93) to Yorkton—Melville would bring the population to 78,960 and the population for Souris—Moose Mountain down to 80,418.

