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Our House of Commons is comprised of Members of Parliament who are elected in their own ridings across Canada.

Generally speaking, each riding has the same number of people living in it. This model is referred to as 'representation by population'.

For many reasons, population is continually changing across Canada. As a result, some ridings become 'over populated' and riding boundaries need to be adjusted to maintain comparatively equal ridings.

Every ten years a non-partisan Committee is struck to 'redraw' the riding boundaries to fix this imbalance.

The primary goal is to ensure each riding has roughly the same number of residents as every other riding.

However, in order to have ridings 'make sense', boundaries are drawn along natural divisions like rivers, major highways, provincial boundaries, etc. This can result in slight deviations in population between ridings.

This complex process can see some constituents moved to a 'new riding' when the boundaries change.

This process has been going on for several months as you will know from my monthly e-newsletter. Public consultations were extensive and feedback produced a revised proposal which was released in early February.

It is anticipated that this second proposal will largely be accepted as the final version when the boundaries are formally finalized later in 2023.

Alberta will get an additional four Members of Parliament and this also creates a need to redraw the riding boundaries.

It is important to note that these changes will only come into effect for the next scheduled general election.

Calgary Confederation will remain largely unchanged, but there are some adjustments being proposed as shown on the following pages.

In your service,

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PROPOSED RIDING BOUNDARY CHANGES

The last national Census determined that the population of Calgary Confederation was 119,508, which is 3.35% greater than the targeted quota.

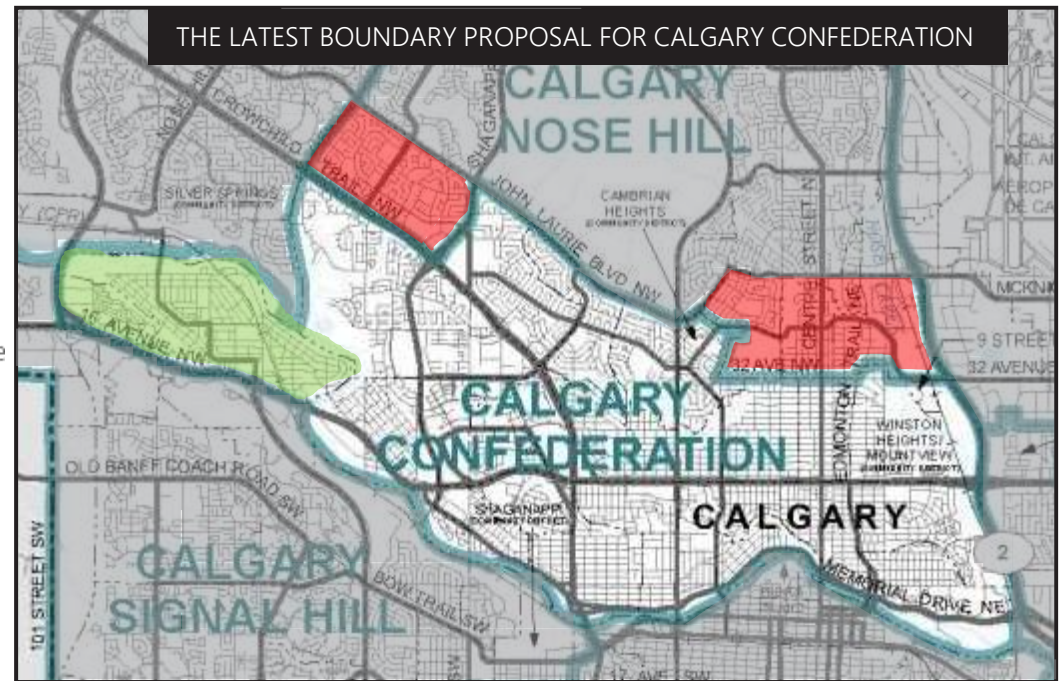
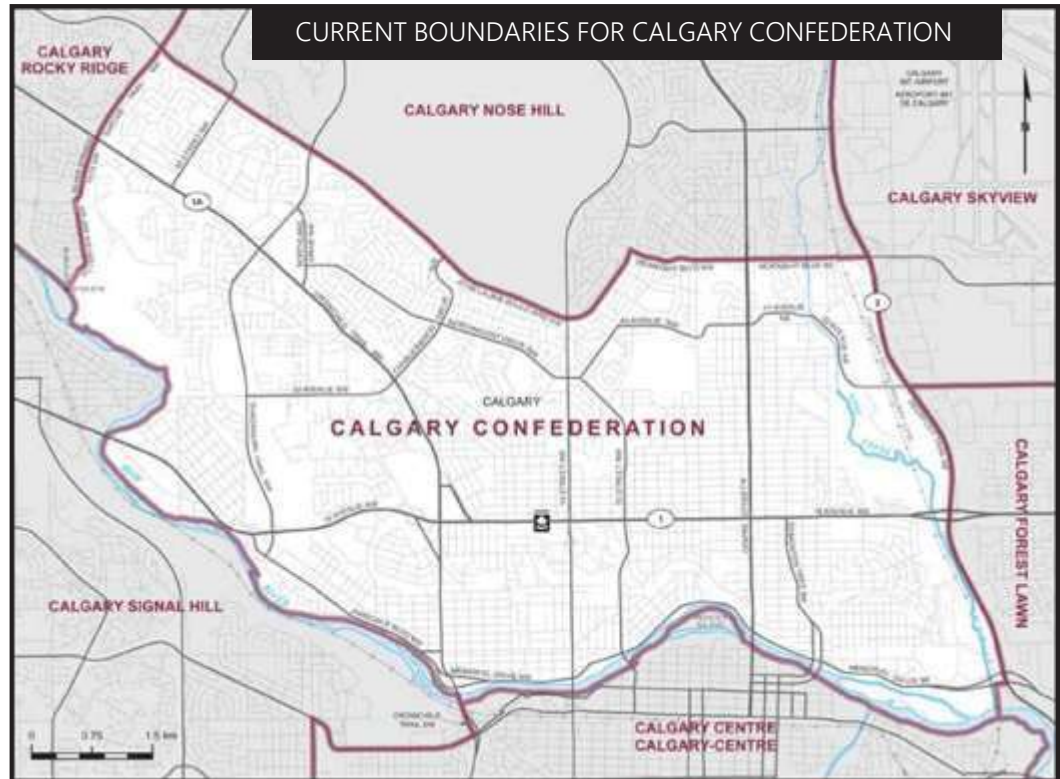
(Populations will vary by riding, but a deviation of less than 5% from the average is considered acceptable.)

The Commission said, "The populations of the Calgary Nose Hill, Calgary Confederation, Calgary Centre and Calgary Signal Hill electoral districts sustained moderate increases between 2011 and 2021. It recommends that the boundaries of Calgary Confederation, Calgary Centre and Calgary Signal Hill be modified to bring their population numbers into alignment with other electoral districts. These changes allow adjustments to be made to accommodate growing and shifting population patterns in the City's other electoral districts."

The latest proposal from the Boundaries Commission has a few changes to the Calgary Confederation riding. It has a population of 119,070 and has a 3.35% deviation. It is almost finalized, and could change slightly in coming months.

The proposal would add Greenwood/ Greenbriar and Bowness on the west side, and see the shifting of Dalhousie, Highwood, Highland Park and Greenview to the neighbouring riding of Calgary Nose Hill.

Once finalized, these changes would only come into effect at the first general election held at least seven months after the changes are announced. At this point, that is anticipated to be the 2025 general election. Until then, the riding boundaries remain the same as the top map on this page.



You can read the full detailed report regarding the proposed boundary changes for all Alberta ridings by using this QR code.

Additional maps, data and the reasoning is available to help you understand why the Commission has made these recommendations.



THOUGHTFUL OPPOSITION

The Opposition in our House of Commons must both keep the government of the day accountable and to scrutinize its legislation to ensure it meets its objectives. Recently, there have been a number of instances where the Conservative Opposition has rightly highlighted poorly-crafted legislation from the Liberal Government.

BILL C-11—Internet Content & Regulation

Conservatives believe in creating a level playing field between Canadian companies and foreign Web Giants. We need to take into account the ever-changing market to provide businesses with certainty, and Canadian consumers with competition and choice. However, I do not think the Liberal government should decide how you view and access internet content.

Bill C-11 passed in the House of Commons in June of 2022. At that time, I did not feel my concerns were sufficiently addressed and I voted against it. Nonetheless, Bill C-11 was passed by the Liberal government with the support of the NDP.

The majority of experts agree that Bill C-11 leaves the door open for a massive abuse of power on the rights of Canadians. I have heard similar sentiments from constituents and from Canadian content creators who object to Bill C-11 for fear that they will be unfairly censored. Web giants have threatened to pull out of Canada if the legislation passes.

Bill C-11 was substantially amended in Senate, but it is still bad legislation and so I will continue to oppose it. Ultimately, it will be the NDP that will decide if this bad legislation becomes law.

BILL C-22—Firearms Legislation

Conservatives have long argued that the problem is illegal handgun use, not legal long-guns, in most Canadian cities. That is where the focus of the Liberal government should be. By far, the biggest problem is illegal handguns being brought into Canada from the United States and finding their way into our street crime. Smuggled guns account for 82% of gun crime.

The Liberals proposed banning hundreds and hundreds of types of firearms in a recent legislative proposal. The proposal was so poorly thought out that the NDP and the Bloc Quebecois withdrew their support for the legislation and some Liberal MPs have refused to support it. Bill C-21 remains at the Committee Stage and has not been completely withdrawn, but the Liberals have withdrawn their most contentious proposals. Without substantial improvement, which focuses on reducing gun crime, the Bill is unlikely to pass.

I am encouraged that all MPs are giving the legislation the scrutiny it deserves and are willing to take a stand against bad legislation. At the same time, I know illegal handgun crime is a growing problem in many parts of Canada. Firearm-related violent crime is up 25% since the Liberals took office and it is an issue that cannot be ignored. It is my hope that we can find sensible legislative solutions that actually reduce gun crime and punish those that terrorize our communities with their illegal gun use.

BILL C-39—Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

Previously, I supported MAiD legislation as we need to have a legal framework around life and death choices and decisions.

Then, the Liberals said that a person's natural death no longer has to be reasonably foreseeable for them to be eligible for MAiD. Currently, this does not extend to mental illness; however, in March of 2023 this exclusion is set to expire. The Liberal government has now introduced legislation to push back this deadline for a year, which I am inclined to support.

I do believe that we should be doing everything we can to provide MAiD alternatives. This is why I am a big proponent of hospice and palliative care. I strongly feel all Canadians should have access to the support and care that they need while living through one of the toughest times in one's life. At the same time, we need to ensure we do not rush through poorly crafted legislation when lives are at stake. MAiD is an important option for Canadians that we have to ensure is not misused or abused — because lives are at stake.

Do you think the Liberal government should be regulating the internet content you view and access?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

Should mental illness alone be reason enough to be eligible for medical assistance in dying (MAiD)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

Should there be frequent VIA Rail service offered between Calgary and Edmonton?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

When it comes to addressing the concerns of Canadians...

What do you think of the job the
Conservative caucus is doing?

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ POOR

What do you think of the job
the **Liberal** caucus is doing?

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ POOR

What do you think of the job
the **NDP** caucus is doing?

☐ EXCELLENT
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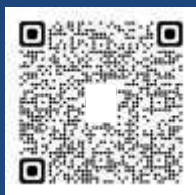
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Looking for help?

The effects of social distancing and social isolation have had an adverse impact on the mental health of many, but help is available.

If you need to speak to someone, please call 811, or call the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642.

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