

MEDIA STATEMENT

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AAMDC Members Pass Resolution to Oppose Proposed Changes to Electoral Boundaries in Alberta

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) passed a resolution this afternoon to formally oppose proposed changes to Alberta's provincial electoral boundaries.

Today's vote at the AAMDC Fall Convention in Edmonton sends a strong message that rural Alberta has grave concerns about the Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission's (AEBC) recommendations to consolidate sixteen key rural seats into thirteen rural seats and the creation of three new seats in in urban centres.

The AAMDC has no issue with the creation of the three new urban seats to support the significant growth in the urban centres, but feels strongly these seats should not be created at the expense of rural Alberta.

With its member support abundantly clear, the AAMDC will now formally advocate for amendments to section 13 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

"We aren't at all surprised by the outcome of today's resolution vote," says AAMDC Board President Al Kemmere. "To suggest that effective representation will be achieved by decreasing the number of long-standing rural seats will disservice rural Alberta greatly. Rural communities are an intrinsic part of Alberta and as such, deserve to have a voice in our democratic institutions."

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