

## **SUBMISSION #18 (REVISED)**

- 18) Submitted by:** Trish MacPherson, Returning Officer, Lake Laberge  
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**Electoral District:** Lake Laberge/Porter Creek North

### **Submission:**

As to the proposed changes, removing MacPherson, and Hidden Valley, from Lake Laberge district, as the Returning Officer for Lake Laberge, for the last 15 years, and ARO for the election before that, I have a strong and clear picture, of the area.

I can see a number of problems with removing MacPherson and Hidden Valley, from Lake Laberge, and I am strongly against this change.

The only properly addressed area, house numbers, etc. is MacPherson and Hidden Valley, the rest of our voting area, are addressed as rural road addresses, combining many different forms of addresses. So these two areas are the easy part of Lake Laberge District, and make a hard job, easier.

The Rural area and long distances, for a good part of Lake Laberge District, do not allow for a lot of eligible electors who could be part of our Election workers. A lot of people, who can work at Election time, can come from, MacPherson and Hidden Valley.

### **MOST IMPORTANT!**

Because of the rural District, the Polling Place, Hidden Valley School, is the one, and Only possible place to hold the Poll, Hidden Valley school which is in MacPherson, has always been our Polling Place, it meets all requirements, and we would have no other place, to hold a Poll. If we were able to use Hidden Valley school, the eligible electors confusion over where to vote, will be a big problem, in my mind. As Returning Officer, I cannot understand why, the commission would propose changes, to what has worked so well for us all along, in Lake Laberge. So please do not remove MacPherson and Hidden Valley from Lake Laberge District. It will make the Returning officer job, not just unbearable, but impossible.

I admit to being confused by the fact that the Interim Report of the YEDBCommission, Nov 2017, states that, Lake Laberge, is listed as, NO change is proposed to the existing electoral district of Lake Laberge, the population growth is well with in, the acceptable range. And I felt no need to respond, I was floored to hear about the changes proposed, removal of Hidden Valley and MacPherson, and had limited time to respond.

I am sorry to say, I did not attend the public meeting, and, I did not know that proposals, that were not proposed, in the Interim Report, were to be discussed. I do understand the

Commission needs input to guide the process, but to be fair, Lake Laberge had no proposed changes, and the Proposed Electoral Districts with Substantive changes to Existing Boundaries, as Porter Creek North, listed two changes, and did not list, adding MacPherson and Hidden Valley, as proposed changes. It is impossible to give input, on proposed changes, that are not in the Interim Report. If all of these proposed changes happen for Porter Creek North and are final, the population of electors, for Porter Creek North, would be around 2800, and Lake Laberge would be around 1100. Which seems uneven, as further growth will be, higher in Porter Creek North, I think.

It is a very interesting process, and I know all involved are working, to do their best for Yukon.

In closing ;

I would like to thank you, and all the Commission members, for all the hard work, and I know, as it goes forward, that due process will be done.

Thank you, Trish MacPherson RO Lake Laberge and eligible elector.