

## **SUBMISSION #38**

**38) Submitted by:** Lindsay Heynen  
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**Electoral District:** Lake Laberge/Porter Creek North

### **Submission:**

Dear Commissioners,

RE: Support for Inclusion of MacPherson & Hidden Valley Subdivisions in Porter Creek North Riding.

I am writing today to express my personal views in support of the redrawing of the Porter Creek North riding. This would include all residences up to the municipal boundaries currently geographically represented by the Takhini River on the North Klondike Highway (NKH) & Alaska Highway (AH), as opposed to the current linear division located at the intersection of the Alaska Highway and North Klondike Highway.

Some of the rationale which I would like to draw to the commission's attention are the following:

1. MacPherson & Hidden Valley subdivisions are within municipal boundaries, and as such, pay property taxes to the municipality and are subject to municipal bylaws. Those residing across the Takhini River bridge on the NKH pay property taxes to the Yukon Government and are subject to Yukon Government legislation and regulations.
2. Municipal related issues facing those residing in municipal boundaries include, but are not limited to: infill lots, quarrying activities, municipal taxation rates & bylaws, to name a few. I respectfully propose that these issues vary from those who live in a agricultural or rural setting across the Takhini River bridge on the North Klondike Highway of which would be a Yukon Government initiative if undertaken.
3. MacPherson is the location of Hidden Valley School, of which students attend from Porter Creek North & Crestview. A school bus route begins by picking students up on Wann Road and travels through Crestview.
4. In the reports brought forward during the 2012 Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts, British Columbia highlighted "the importance of the municipal and regional district boundaries" as a key factor for Commissioners during their deliberations while the province of Saskatchewan "endeavoured to construct all electoral districts in the province in a manner that respects the integrity of municipal and First Nations reserve boundaries".

In my humble opinion, MacPherson & Hidden Valley would have more effective representation by an urban MLA who, with redrawn boundaries, will be better positioned to respond to, understand, and represent country residential properties faced with urban related issues as a result of the municipal boundaries we currently live within.

Thank you for the consideration of my comments during your deliberations.

Respectfully

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Hidden Valley School Council Chair