

SUBMISSION #4

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Electoral District: Copperbelt South

Submission:

As the Commission examines the proposed changes to the Yukon's ridings, I ask that you also consider another aspect of your mandate – updating riding names to reflect their identity.

Right now, there is little in common between Copperbelt North and Copperbelt South, other than their shared border. Copperbelt North contains suburban residents of Copper Ridge and the mobile home residents of Lobird. Copperbelt South contains the rural-residential neighbourhoods down the Alaska Highway to the south of Whitehorse. We lack many of the municipal services our neighbours in Copperbelt North receive. Our neighbourhoods do not resemble the neighbourhoods of Copperbelt North. In effect, we have different community identities.

This is why I propose a name change for Copperbelt South. The residents of our riding deserve a more representative riding name that speaks to the commonality of our riding. I recommend the Boundaries Commission consider renaming our riding name to "Golden Horn", in recognition of the stunning mountain that dominates the views of many residents. Golden Horn has a special meaning for many Whitehorse residents, but especially those that live in its shadow.

This is a minor symbolic change for our riding, yet it is one that recognizes that Yukon's ridings are a sum of their parts, rather than mirrors of each other.