

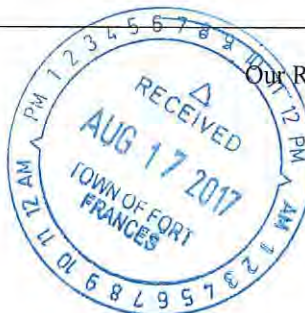
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Our Reference #: MC-2017-6056

Dear Mayor Avis:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the Far North Electoral Boundaries Commission's final report is now available.

You can view the commission's report here: www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/about/pubs/fnebc/.

The Far North Electoral Boundaries Commission was created to improve the representation of all people living in Ontario's northernmost communities.

Our government asked the commission to look at ways we could improve representation in our province's two largest and northernmost ridings: Kenora-Rainy River and Timmins-James Bay. As you know, the commission met with communities across Northern Ontario throughout the spring. They asked Indigenous communities, representatives from the Francophone community and other key stakeholders, to share their perspectives as people living in the far north.

I am pleased to announce that we plan to introduce legislation this fall to fulfil the recommendations of the commission and create two new ridings, Kiiwetinoong and Mushkegowuk.

If passed, these reforms would result in a total of four ridings in the area:

- **Kenora-Rainy River**, including Dryden, Fort Frances, Kenora and Rainy River
- **Kiiwetinoong**, including the northern portion of the former riding of Kenora-Rainy River
- **Mushkegowuk**, including Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation
- **Timmins**, including the City of Timmins.

Adding two additional ridings in the North will complement changes made in 2015 to increase the number of ridings in heavily populated areas in southern Ontario. They will also help to improve the representation of Indigenous and Francophone communities at Queen's Park, as the new Kiiwetinoong riding would have a majority Indigenous population, and the riding of Mushkegowuk would have a majority Francophone population.

As a community leader, it is important that you be aware of the commission's recommendations and the government's obligation to introduce legislation to implement them. I would like to thank you for your support to help us improve representation for everyone in Northern Ontario, and build a stronger, more accessible electoral system for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yasir Naqvi".

Yasir Naqvi
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