

It should be noted, and I am certain that many of the residents would agree, that retaining residents on the Ingraham Trail within Yellowknife North may alleviate the need to make several cascading changes to several Yellowknife districts. If the addition of (a) new Yellowknife MLA(s) continues to be contemplated, addition of an MLA for the Niven subdivision and the northern edge of downtown Yellowknife makes the most sense to me. I am relatively agnostic on the proposed boundaries of “Yellowknife 9” and would defer to those who currently represent those residents’ opinion on the matter.

I wish to also note that I do not support the elimination/merging of the Mackenzie Delta or Dehcho districts – due to your own factor of communities of interest. This change would diminish residents current voice in the legislature. I do support a second MLA for Monfwi based on population.

I wish to also provide an overarching note for your deliberations for Yellowknife and regional centres: I am proud to represent people from all economic and cultural backgrounds. I hope that when you review district boundaries in Yellowknife, that the commission ensures all districts have a mix of public and private housing, renters and homeowners. My current district is very diverse, and I feel it makes me a better representative.

Sincerely,

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