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RE: Written Submission Electoral Boundaries

The Aklavik Indian Band Chief and Council support the Hamlet of Aklavik having its own Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). Since the creation of electoral districts and the appointment of MLAs, our community has never been adequately represented, nor have we had the right to equal, fair, and effective representation.

Aklavik is a unique community, made up of Métis, Gwich'in, Inuvialuit, and non-Indigenous residents. Placing Aklavik within the Mackenzie Delta riding—where the majority population is Gwich'in from Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic—was a flawed decision from its inception, beginning with the tenure of Richard Nerysoo as the first MLA for the Mackenzie Delta.

Following the relocation of many Aklavik residents to Inuvik in the 1960s, a significant number of our families now reside in Inuvik. Given these historical and social connections, it would be more appropriate for Aklavik to be included in an Inuvik-based riding if having our own MLA is not possible, rather than remaining in the Mackenzie Delta riding.

Respectfully;

Chief Randy Edwards
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