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Carcross district is represented by South Klondike Local Advisory Council. We are very concerned about the recent suggestion of reorganizing the electoral districts. More districts are necessary (MLA's) not reorganizing to form larger electoral districts outside of Whitehorse. Each area has specific needs and Carcross is unique in its needs.

Carcross has become a four-season destination for tourists and Whitehorse recreators. Our environment and infrastructure are not able to maintain themself without intervention. This requires an MLA that is able to dedicate themself to being able to help cope with this stress and make changes to support the community and surrounding lands and water.

Included in this letter is a letter that has been sent to the Electoral Reform Commission.

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Electoral District Boundaries Commission

After reviewing the commission's report on the proposed electoral boundaries, the South Klondike Local Advisory Council is pleased to see the accommodation taken for our First Nations groups. Keeping these language and culture groups together will create harmony within the districts.

One concern, however, is the large land areas within the districts outside of Whitehorse. It is felt that each small locality has a significant difference in its local needs in relation to the surrounding land area. Carcross, for example, is very unique in its needs from every other area in its district. The corridor from the intersection of the South Klondike and the Alaska Highway to the BC boarder is becoming a major four-season tourism and local outdoor activity area and as such requires special consideration from the government and its representation in this area. Carcross like Dawson hosts thousands of tourists in a season on very limited infrastructure. Our surrounding land area has opportunities for a wide variety of activities. These attractions could be damaged with overuse and lack of control of how they are used. Government representation needs to be able to focus on this area for the protection of the people and the environment. We feel that electoral boundaries should use a formula that recognizes land areas and their uses as well as population density.

The South Klondike Advisory Council would welcome representatives from the commission at our next public meeting held July 18th from 5-7pm. Our email is <u>CarcrossLAC@gmail.com</u>.

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