

OPPOSITION OF THE TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD TO THE BOUNDARIES FOR THE NEW FEDERAL RIDING OF JOHN-PETERS-HUMPHREY

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Quebec has proposed a new name and boundaries for the current federal riding of Mount Royal. We understand that the purpose of this revision is to reflect the shifts and growth in the population. However, we feel that there are several very serious problems with the new riding boundaries.

Larger population than neighbouring ridings

The new John-Peters-Humphrey riding will have significantly more voters than any of the neighboring ridings:

<i>JPH NEW</i>	<i>104,628</i>	<i>covering Hampstead, Côte Saint-Luc, Dorval and parts of Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce and the Town of Mount Royal</i>
<i>Lachine-Lasalle</i>	<i>97,979</i>	
<i>Lac-Saint-Louis</i>	<i>96,076</i>	
<i>MacDonald-Langstaff</i>	<i>101,155</i>	
<i>Outremont</i>	<i>103,666</i>	
<i>Wilder-Penfield</i>	<i>99,635</i>	

Twice the geographical size of the old Mount Royal riding

The new boundaries double the physical size of the riding and add Dorval to the west which can only be reached by taking a highway. For an island riding, it should be possible to walk from one neighbourhood to another. This is no longer true of the new riding.

Introduction of new characteristics which have nothing in common with the old riding

The new riding will contain an airport and industrial areas when the current riding is almost totally residential and has no industrial areas.

Unanimous resolution

The Town of Hampstead passed a unanimous resolution noting:

THAT the Town of Hampstead expresses its disagreement with the new boundaries;

THAT the Town requests that the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Quebec remove the new areas west of the City of Côte Saint-Luc and merge them with the surrounding ridings;

Thank you.

Subject: MOUNT ROYAL M.P. IRWIN COTLER WELCOMES FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION REPORT



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**MOUNT ROYAL M.P. IRWIN COTLER WELCOMES FEDERAL ELECTORAL
BOUNDARIES COMMISSION REPORT
SAYS THAT HISTORY, INTEGRITY AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
OF MOUNT ROYAL HAVE BEEN PRESERVED**

Montréal – The Honourable Irwin Cotler was “delighted” at the Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission (Québec), tabled today in the House of Commons. Explained Cotler, “The initial proposal of the Commission called for the dismantling of the riding, erasing even the name ‘Mount Royal’ from the Québec electoral map. I am delighted that today’s report preserves this historic riding, benefiting both the communities and residents therein.”

In particular, Cotler praised the Commission’s respect for the diverse communities of interest, which reflected the myriad submissions made by the representatives of this ‘rainbow riding,’ saying “I want to commend in particular the yeoman efforts of my Chief of Staff, Howard Liebman, in mobilizing and ensuring the effectiveness of the representations made, thereby preserving our unique and historic constituency. I would also like to thank all those individuals and groups who participated in this process, including all four municipalities in the riding, leaders of major institutions and community groups, who came together in common cause.”

The report will be the subject of debate before a Commons committee before coming into force prior to the next election. Said Cotler, “I anticipate that the integrity of Mount Royal will remain and the recommendation of the Commission for this riding will be confirmed.”

<http://www.redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca/content.asp?section=qc&dir=now/reports&document=page5&lang=e>

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Subject: Mount Royal federal riding boundaries have been preserved and name saved...

Dear Municipal Leaders; Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share the report of the federal boundary commission (Québec) has just been tabled in the House of Commons: Report just tabled in the House: <http://www.redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca/content.asp?section=qc&dir=now/reports&document=page5&lang=e>

Mont-Royal – Commission's Report

(Population: 101,258)

Consisting of:

- (a) the cities of Côte-Saint-Luc, Hampstead and Mont-Royal; and
- (b) that part of the City of Montréal comprised of that part of the borough of Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce lying northwesterly of Jean-Talon Street West, and that part lying southwesterly and northwesterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of de la Côte-des-Neiges Road and the northwesterly limit of said borough; thence southeasterly along said road to de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine Road; thence southwesterly along said road to Victoria Avenue; thence southeasterly along said avenue to Queen-Mary Road; thence southwesterly along said road to the southwesterly limit of the borough of Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.

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I quote from the report:

Commission's Report – Quebec
Representations and Outcome

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“The communities of interest taken into consideration are diverse in nature. The representatives of the Anglophone minority, for example, enlightened us on the best ways to maintain their common identity and not compromise their electoral weight. We also tried to draw an electoral map that, as much as possible, reflected the existence of ethnic communities...

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Bien à vous, best wishes,

Howard Liebman
Chief of staff to the Hon. Irwin Cotler, MP