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BC ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION HOLDS PUBLIC MEETINGS IN SOUTH CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN BC

VICTORIA – The BC Electoral Boundaries Commission will hold public meetings across South Central and Southeastern BC next week. The Commission will visit nine communities between April 4 and 8, 2022: Nelson, Trail, Radium Hot Springs, Cranbrook, Penticton, Kelowna, Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, and Kamloops.

There will also be a virtual public meeting for these regions on Monday, April 11.

"We are eager to hear from residents of South Central and Southeastern BC next week," says Justice Nitya Iyer, Chair of the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission. "Input from local community members is essential to the Commission process. We encourage you to share your thoughts with us on this important topic."

The Commission is an independent and non-partisan three-person panel with a mandate to review the area, names and boundaries of provincial electoral districts, and submit proposals to the Legislative Assembly. The Commission considers not only population but also geography, demographics, means of communication and transportation, the protection of communities of interest and special circumstances in developing its proposals.

To provide input to the Commission, individuals and organizations can attend an in-person or virtual public meeting, complete the survey on <u>the Commission website</u>, or contact the Commission directly.

The deadline for public input to inform the Commission's preliminary report is May 31, 2022.

Visit the Commission website to learn more about the Commission's process, review maps and resources and see the schedule of public meetings.

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