

# **Federal Electoral Boundaries Redistribution 2025**

Elgin-Middlesex-London

*Draft 1*

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### **Backgrounder**

The Constitution of Canada requires that federal electoral districts be reviewed after each decennial (10-year) census to reflect changes and movements in Canada's population. The current federal redistribution process began in October 2021. It is led by independent commissions working separately in each province to establish electoral boundaries. The Chief Electoral Officer is tasked with applying the representation formula found in the Constitution to determine the new allocation of seats. Elections Canada is also responsible for providing administrative and technical support to the commissions.

### **The current riding of Elgin-Middlesex-London**

Consisting of:

- (a) the County of Elgin;
- (b) that part of the County of Middlesex comprised of the Municipality of Thames Centre;
- (c) the City of St. Thomas; and
- (d) that part of the City of London lying southerly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said city with Dingman Creek; thence generally easterly along said creek to the westerly production of Southdale Road West; thence easterly along said production, Southdale Road West and Southdale Road East to White Oak Road; thence southerly along said road to Exeter Road; thence easterly and northeasterly along said road to Highway No. 401; thence northeasterly and easterly along said highway to the easterly limit of said city.

## Proposed ridings for 2025

Elgin—Middlesex—Thames—Proposal— Ontario  
•(Population: 117,082)

Consists of:

- a. the Town of Aylmer;
- b. the municipalities of Bayham, Brooke-Alvinston, Dutton/Dunwich, Middlesex Centre, Southwest Middlesex, Strathroy-Caradoc and West Elgin;
- c. that part of the Municipality of Central Elgin lying southerly of John Wise Line;
- d. that part of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the northerly limit of said municipality and the Sydenham River; thence generally southwesterly along said river to Dawn Mills Road; thence southerly along said road to Base Line; thence westerly along said line to Kent Bridge Road; thence southeasterly along said road and its production to the southerly limit of said municipality; thence northeasterly, northwesterly, northerly and westerly along the southerly, easterly and northerly limits of said municipality to the point of commencement;
- e. those parts of the Municipality of Thames Centre described as follows:
  - i. that part lying northerly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said municipality and Thorndale Road; thence northeasterly along said road to Nissouri Road; thence northwesterly along said road to approximate latitude 43°06'21"N and longitude 81°09'32"W; thence northeasterly in a straight line to Fairview Road at approximate latitude 43°06'39"N and longitude 81°08'35"W; thence southeasterly along said road to Thorndale Road; thence northeasterly along said road to the easterly limit of said municipality;
  - ii. that part lying southerly and easterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of said municipality and Highway 401 (Macdonald-Cartier Freeway); thence westerly along said highway to Westchester Bourne road; thence southerly along said road to the southerly limit of said municipality;
- f. the townships of Adelaide-Metcalfe, Malahide and Warwick;

- g. that part of the Township of Dawn-Euphemia lying easterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the northerly limit of said township and Forest Road; thence southerly along said road and its southerly production to the Sydenham River; thence generally southerly along said river to the southerly limit of said township;
- h. the Township of Southwold, excluding the part lying easterly of Sunset Road;
- i. that part of the Township of Zorra lying northerly and westerly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said township and Road 84; thence northeasterly along said road to 23rd Line; thence northwesterly along said line to the northerly limit of said township;
- j. the Village of Newbury; and
- k. the Indian reserves of Chippewa of the Thames First Nation No. 42, Moravian No. 47, Munsee-Delaware Nation No. 1 and Oneida No. 41.

**London South—St. Thomas —Proposal— Ontario**  
**•(Population: 120,208)**

Consists of:

- a. the City of St. Thomas;
- b. that part of the City of London lying southerly and easterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of said city with the Thames River; thence generally westerly along said river to the Canadian National Railway; thence southeasterly along said railway to Commissioners Road East; thence westerly along said road to Wharncliffe Road South; thence southerly and southwesterly along said road to Wonderland Road South; thence southerly along said road to Highway 402; thence generally southwesterly along said highway to the westerly limit of said city;
- c. that part of the Municipality of Central Elgin lying northerly of John Wise Line;
- d. that part of the Municipality of Thames Centre lying southerly of Highway 401 (Macdonald-Cartier Freeway) and westerly of Westchester Bourne; and
- e. that part of the Township of Southwold lying easterly of Sunset Road.

**London Northeast –Proposal– Ontario**  
**•(Population: 123,241)**

Consists of:

- a. that part of the City of London lying northerly and easterly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the northerly limit of said city and Adelaide Street North; thence southeasterly along said street to the Canadian National Railway; thence easterly along said railway to Highbury Avenue North; thence southeasterly along said avenue to the Thames River; thence generally easterly along said river to the easterly limit of said city;
- b. that part of the Municipality of Thames Centre lying northerly of Highway 401 (Macdonald-Cartier Freeway) and southerly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said municipality and Thorndale Road; thence northeasterly along said road to Nissouri Road; thence northwesterly along said road to approximate latitude  $43^{\circ}06'21''\text{N}$  and longitude  $81^{\circ}09'32''\text{W}$ ; thence northeasterly in a straight line to Fairview Road at approximate latitude  $43^{\circ}06'39''\text{N}$  and longitude  $81^{\circ}08'35''\text{W}$ ; thence southeasterly along said road to Thorndale Road; thence northeasterly along said road to the easterly limit of said municipality;
- c. that part of the Township of Zorra lying southerly and westerly of a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the westerly limit of said township and Road 84; thence northeasterly along said road to 23rd Line; thence southeasterly along said line to Road 74; thence easterly along said road to 23rd Line; thence southeasterly along said line to Road 68; thence southwesterly along said road to 21st Line; thence southeasterly along said line to Road 60; thence southeasterly in a straight line to the southerly limit of said township at approximate latitude  $43^{\circ}00'34''\text{N}$  and longitude  $80^{\circ}56'49''\text{W}$ .

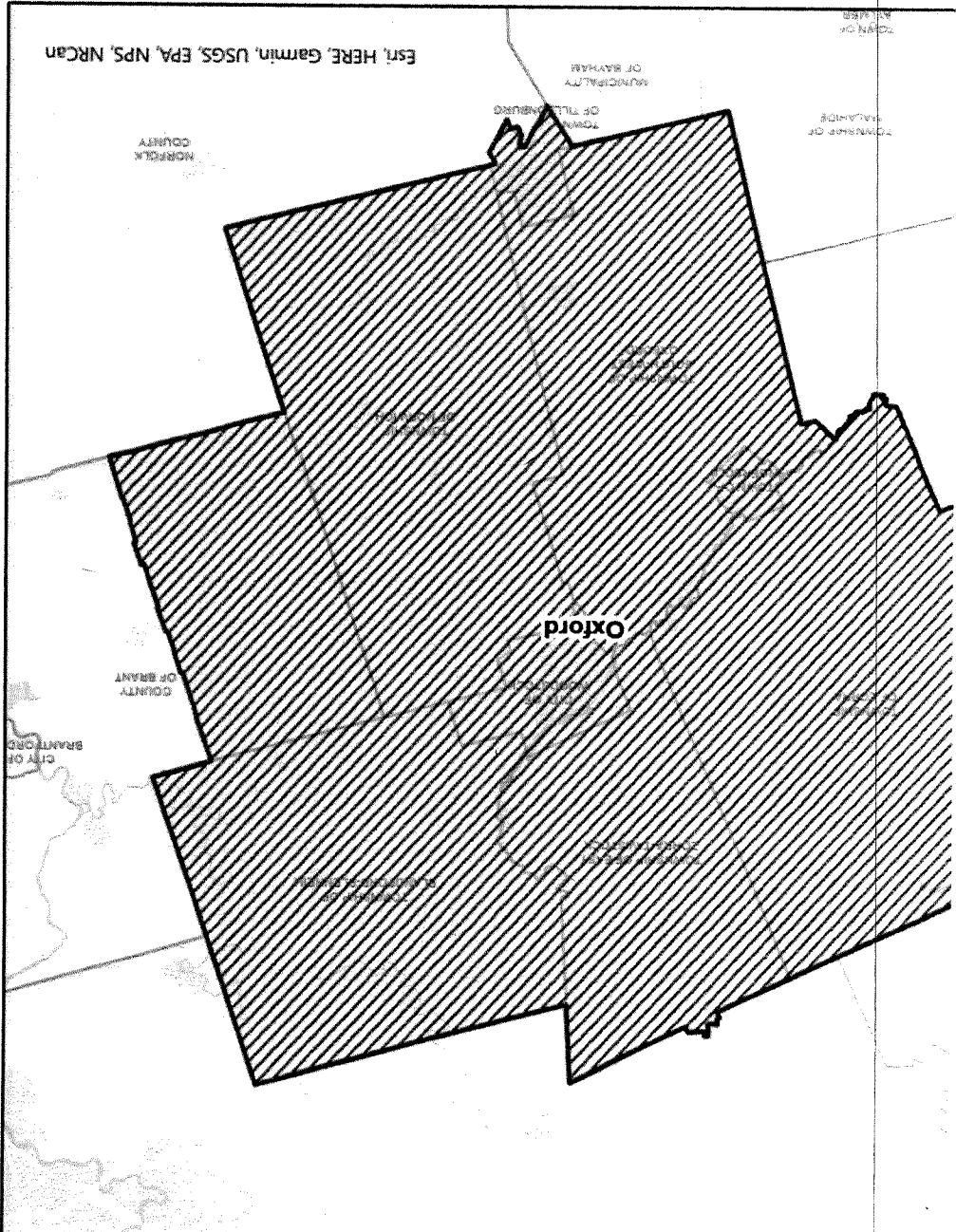
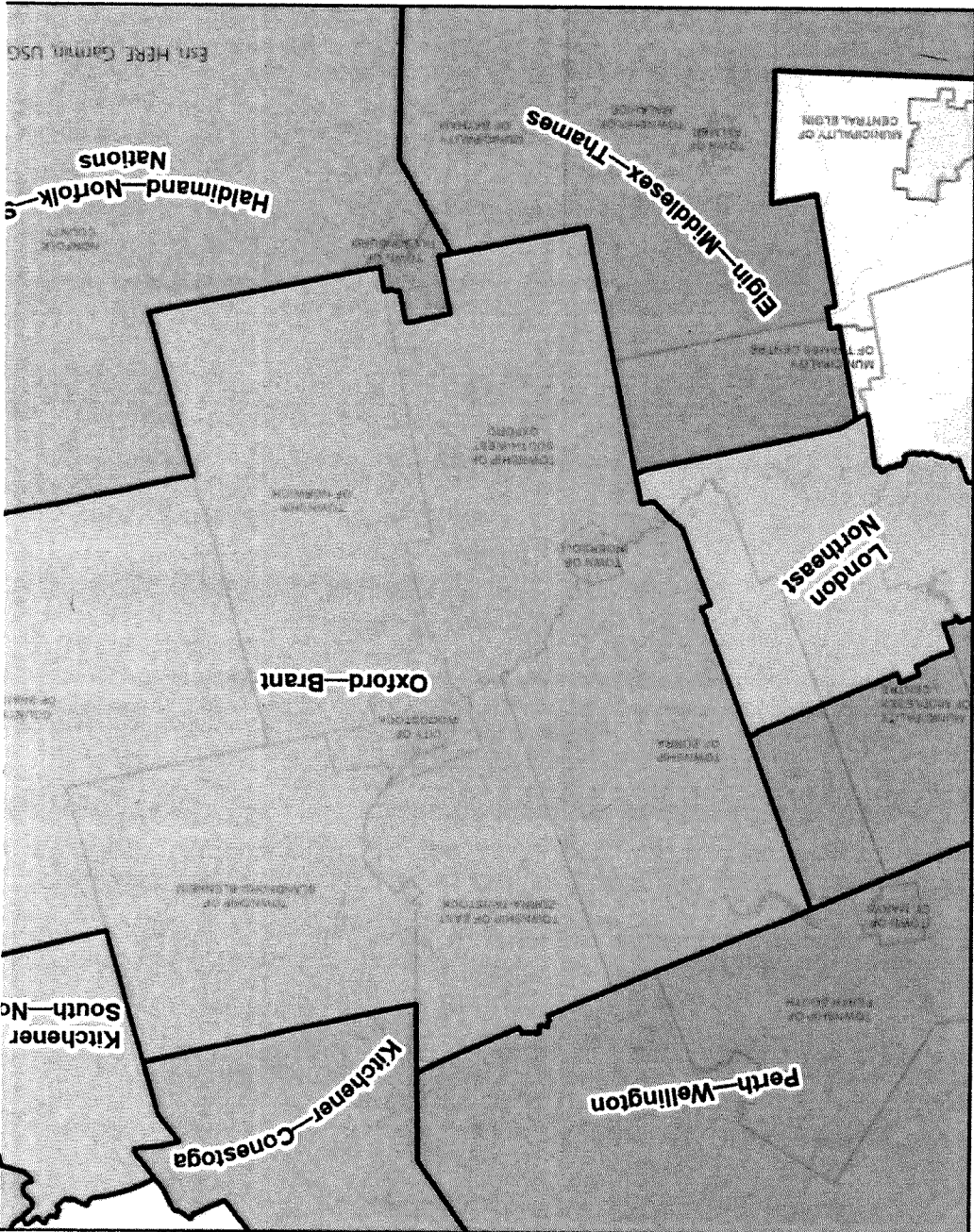


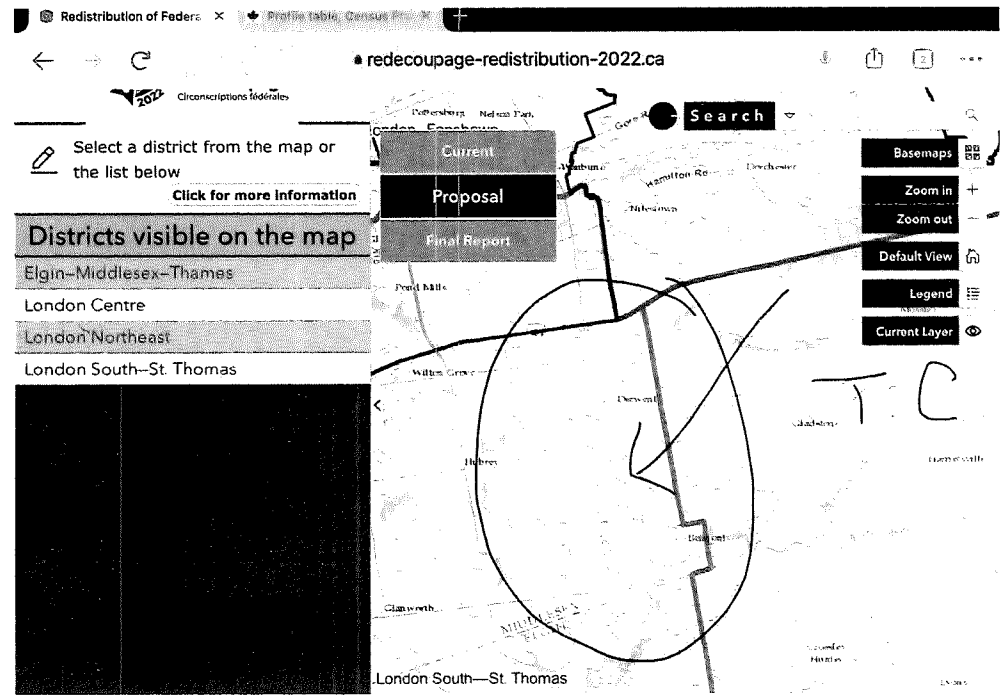
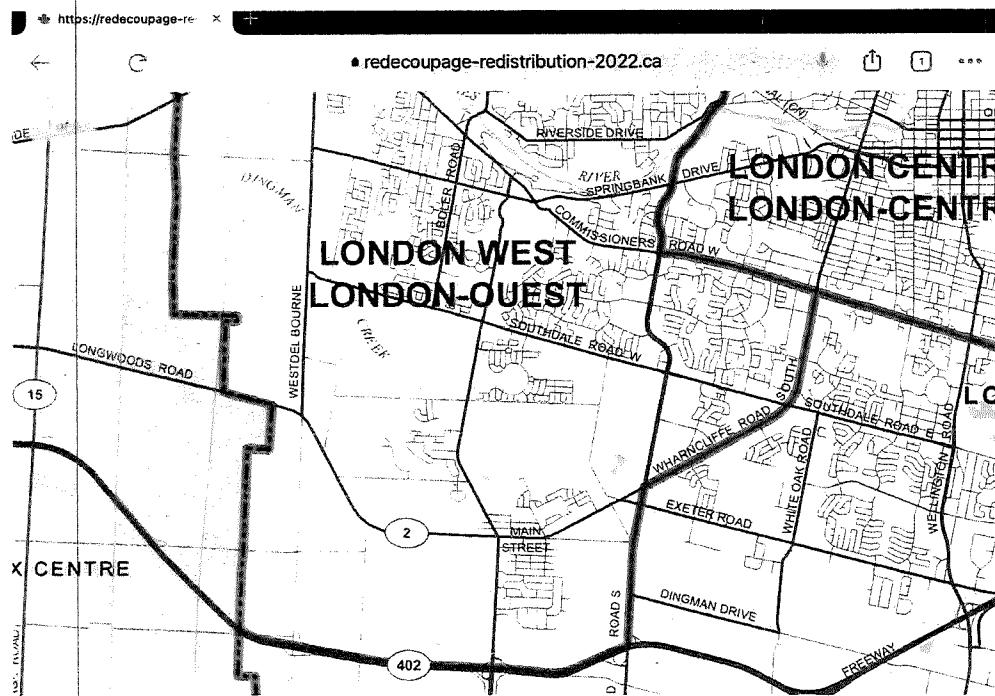
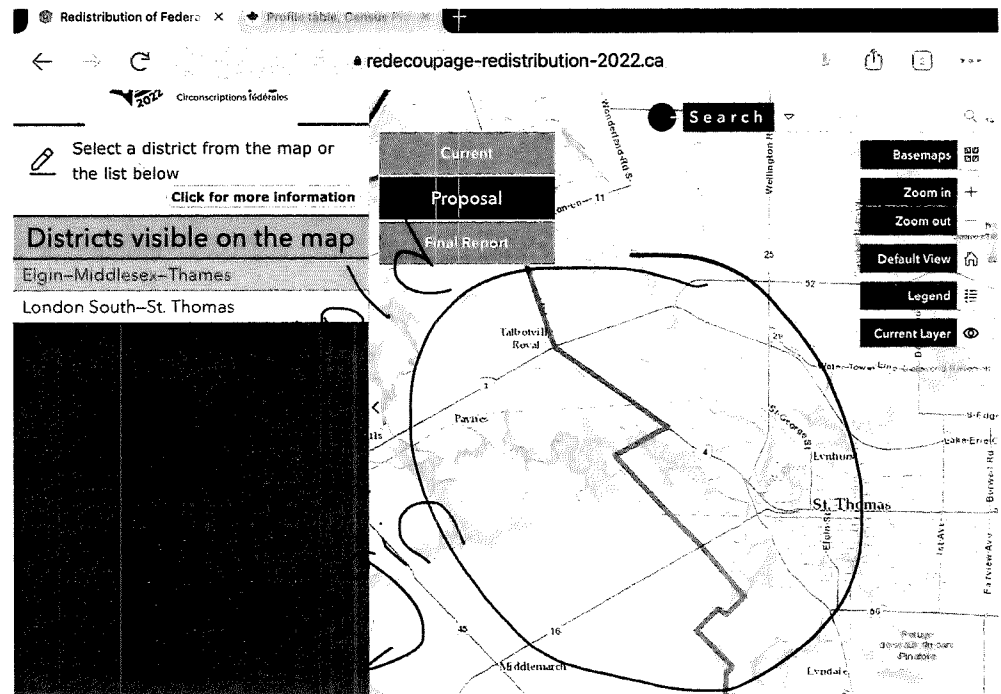
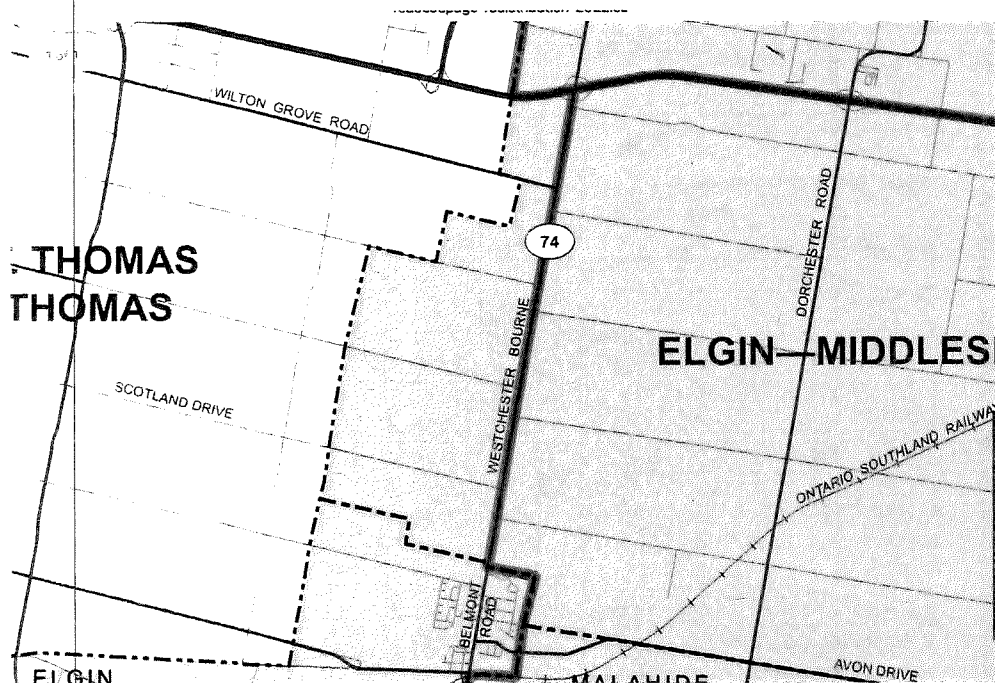


Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Dist



Existing Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts





**Key Changes include:**

- St. Thomas is part of London South and incorporates parts of Central Elgin and Southwold (check on Malahide)
- Central Elgin is divided at Hwy 45 and is part of Elgin-Middlesex-Thames and London South-St. Thomas
- Thames Centre is divided- Dorchester and Thorndale proper are removed and become part of London East; Thames Centre south of south of HWY 401 and north of Thorndale proper remain with Elgin County as part of Elgin-Middlesex-Thames (EMT)
- Strathroy becomes the largest centre in EMT
- London West's new borders takes in the portion of London currently in EML.
- London South-St. Thomas's north border is Commissioners Rd London

My key concerns include economic development, healthcare, social services, and the not-for-profit sectors that work together in our communities and the division of these services. I recognize the importance of the local constituency office for our community. I am concerned that the new boundaries will have negative impact on the delivery of services specifically to those living in Elgin-Middlesex-Thames.

*The goal of the Election Commission is to have riding approximately 116,000=*

Goal- to keep the City of St. Thomas with the County of Elgin and the historical neighbour of Thames Centre from Middlesex-County

Proposed Changes

## **County of Elgin + City of St. Thomas + Thames Centre + Township of Zorra**

Zorra was split 3 ways and this provides Zorra, a township similar to characteristics of Thorndale, with 1 MP.

Removing Thames Centre from Middlesex reduces the population of Middlesex County/London from 500563 to 486583 and allows London to have 3 Members to represent the City of London and 1 Member to represent 50/50 realigning services from different service centres back to their community.

**Solutions to ridings impacted to re-establish Elgin/St. Thomas/Thames Centre**

City of London- 4 Members of Parliament

- London 122,000
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- London-Middlesex 115,000

London-Middlesex

- Middlesex Centre
- Strathroy Caradoc
- Adelaide Metcalfe
- Lucan Biddulph
- North Middlesex
- Reserves in Middlesex
- City of London (57,000)

Impacts of these changes to surrounding ridings

- Portions of Lambton redistributed
  - Dawn of Euphemia (1968)
  - Brooke-Alvinston (2359)
  - Warwick (3641)
    - Will need to be redistributed
    - 7968
- Portions of Middlesex allocated to South Huron Shores returned
  - Lucan Biddulph (5680)
  - North Middlesex (6307)
    - Reduces South Huron Shores population by 11987
- Ridgetown
  - Returned to Kent County (2797)
- Zorra (8626)
  - Portions removed from London East/Oxford
- London East
  - London Urban
  - Removal of Thames Centre eastbound

## How to Participate

Virtual Meeting- Tuesday, September 27 6:30pm

Public Meeting- Friday, October 28 6:30pm

Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre

[https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/com/on/phrg/form/index\\_e.aspx](https://redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca/com/on/phrg/form/index_e.aspx)

If you wish to make a representation at a hearing, you must complete a Public Hearing Participation Form. The Commission has set **September 25, 2022** as the date by which the Public Participation Hearing Form is to be filed.

A submission may be made in writing as an alternative to appearing at an in-person or virtual hearing.

Should you wish to send comments and feedback to the Commission, without attending a public hearing, you can do so by mail or email, or by using the Interactive Mapping Tool.

## **Public Hearing Participation Form**

The Public Hearing Participation Form, or alternatively written submissions (for those who only wish to make a submission in writing), may be filed by email or by mail to:

ON@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca  
Ms. Paula Puddy  
Commission Secretary  
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario  
PO Box 37018 Southdale  
London, Ontario N6E 3T3

In the interest of transparency, the Commission will make public all written submissions that it receives in response to the proposed redistribution plan. These will be published on the Commission's website and will include the person's name and the date of the submission. The home address of those making written submissions will not be shared.

Steps	Summary and References to the EBRA	EBRA Deadline
4. Publication of commission proposals	<p>(section 19) Each commission develops a boundary proposal for its province. It is published in the Canada Gazette and at least one newspaper of general circulation and includes the time and place of public hearings.</p> <p>(An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (electoral representation)) Parliament amended the Representation Formula on June 23, 2022, and Quebec now has 78 MPs instead of 77 MPs. The legislation resets the starting point of the 10-month deadline for Quebec's commission to complete their report to July 9, 2022 on which the new calculation of the CEO is published in the <i>Canada Gazette</i>.</p>	As soon as possible following receipt of census population data (step 3)
5. Public hearings	(section 19) Each commission must hold at least one public hearing.	At least 30 days after the publication of its proposal
	(section 19) Members of the public notify the commission if they want to make a presentation at a public hearing. Members of Parliament (MPs) may also make presentations at these hearings.	Within 23 days after the publication of proposals
6. Completion of the report	<p>(section 20) Each commission finalizes its report on the new electoral districts.</p> <p>(section 21) The report is sent to the Speaker of the House of Commons through the CEO, where it is tabled and referred to a designated</p>	No later than 10 months after receipt of the census population data (step 3)

	<p>parliamentary committee (The House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs).</p> <p>Note: If Parliament is not in session when the Speaker receives the report, the Speaker is required to publish the report in the <i>Canada Gazette</i> and send it by mail to each member of the House of Commons for that province.</p>	<p><i>The CEO may grant up to a two-month extension.</i></p>
7. Objections from MPs	<p>(section 22) MPs file written objections to a report with the designated parliamentary committee. Objections must be signed by at least 10 MPs.</p>	<p>Within 30 days after referral to the committee or 30 days after publication in the <i>Canada Gazette</i></p>
	<p>(section 22) The designated committee considers the objections. The report is then returned to the commission through the Speaker of the House of Commons and then to the CEO, with a copy of the objections and the minutes of the committee.</p>	<p>Within 30 days (when Parliament is sitting) after expiration of the date for objections</p> <p><i>The committee may request more time.</i></p>
8. Commissions consider objections	<p>(section 23) The commission considers and disposes of the objections and submits its final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons through the CEO.</p>	<p>Within 30 days of receipt of objections</p>

9. Representation Order	<p>(section 24) The CEO drafts the Representation Order, which describes the electoral districts established by the commissions, and sends it to the Minister responsible for the <i>EBRA</i>.</p> <p>However, the <i>Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (electoral representation)</i> requires two <i>Representation Orders</i> for this round of redistribution in the 2020s: one for Quebec and one for the other nine provinces. These orders would not necessarily be drafted at the same time, in light of the additional time given to Quebec's commission to complete its report.</p>	None	
	(section 25) The new <i>Representation Order</i> is declared to be in force by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council.	Within five days of receipt of the representation order by the Minister responsible for <b>EBRA</b>	
	(section 26) The representation order and the proclamation are published in the <i>Canada Gazette</i> .	No later than five days after the issue of the proclamation	