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**TOWN HALL REPORT  
ON ELECTORAL REFORM  
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**CONSULTATION(S)**

<b>Townhall September 8, 2016</b>	<b>Start - 6:30 End – 8:30-9pm</b>	<b>Canad Inns Regent Casino Hotel Ambassador Room A</b>	<b>55 people 2 staff 5 volunteers</b>
<b>Form:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Two guest speakers and a moderator <input type="checkbox"/> Open microphone <input type="checkbox"/> Question and answer session			
<b>PANELISTS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS</b>			
Various Voting systems	Replacement of the current voting system	Voter turnout	Accessibility & inclusiveness
Mandatory voting	Online voting	Local representation	Values and ethics

**ISSUES RAISED: OBSERVATIONS**

Here are some of the issues that came up during the open question portion of our townhall

Recurring topics	The need to have an electoral system that ensures that the number of seats won by a political party corresponds closely to the popular vote. Preference for communities to have an identifiable MP. Preference for open lists in a PR or MMP system.
Consensus	The need to change the current system because of its faults, especially false majorities. That voter apathy and low voter turnout is an issue.
Debate	The townhall was a Q&A with political scientists from local universities.
Main concerns	That election results exhibit proportionality and that communities have an identifiable, local MP.  There was a strongly expressed desire to move away from the current system.
Other observations	About half of the attendees were supportive of on-line voting.  A strong majority of attendees were opposed to lowering the voting age.  Attendees tended to favour the idea that government should include representatives from all parts of the country.  People favoured a voting system that increases collaboration between parties.

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**MP'S RECOMMENDATION(S) AND COMMENT(S)**

The desire for a change in voting system is clear.

Given the expression of preference for a system that (1) affords political parties a number of seats roughly proportional to their share of the vote in elections, (2) maintains the connection between a given geographical area and a given MP, (3) promotes inter-party collaboration in Parliament, (4) facilitates diverse regional representation within national caucuses, and (5) brings an end to Canada's culture of false majorities, *I believe we should move toward some form of Mixed Member Proportional system.*

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MP's signature:	(Name)
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