



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA



*Stephen Fuhr, CD, MP*

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
KELOWNA-LAKE COUNTRY

OTTAWA  
September 23, 2016

Francis Scarpaleggia, MP  
Chair of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform  
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street  
House of Commons  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Scarpaleggia,

On July 18 2016, in my riding of Kelowna-Lake Country (British Columbia), I was proud to host an Electoral Reform Town Hall with Mark Holland, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Democratic Institutions. As a part of a nationwide public consultation on electoral reform, we invited constituents and stakeholders from across the Okanagan to share their thoughts and ideas about the future of our electoral system.

Prime Minister Trudeau stated during the last election, that 2015 would be the last election conducted under First-Past-the-Post (FFP). As such, it is important to consult Canadians in finding alternative voting models in the hopes of revitalizing our democracy. It is paramount that Canadians' views are accounted for and I am proud to be able to share with you the observations of the constituents of Kelowna-Lake Country.

Our electoral reform town hall was well-attended with over 140 engaged residents from Kelowna and neighboring cities. Participants travelled from as far as Salmon Arm and Osoyoos to share their views and express their concerns over various democratic systems. There were a broad range of people both young and old, who participated. Participants were well-informed about the issues surrounding electoral reform and contributed to a high calibre of discussion. In addition to individual participation, all four major parties in the riding were represented: Liberal, Conservative, NDP and Green.

../2

**OTTAWA**

313 Justice Building, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
613.992.7006 Stephen.Fuhr@parl.gc.ca

**KELOWNA**

102-1420 St. Paul St., Kelowna, BC V1Y 2E6  
250.470.5075 Stephen.Fuhr.C1@parl.gc.ca

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to share this information with you and for undertaking this important work. On behalf of the constituents of Kelowna-Lake Country, we look forward to your final report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Fuhr", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Fuhr, CD, MP  
Kelowna-Lake Country