

Electoral Reform Town Hall

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Memorial Community Recreation Centre

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Town Hall Objectives

- To provide information to the community regarding values or principles for electoral reform and different electoral systems
- To provide an opportunity for community input and feedback regarding this information

Agenda

- 7:00** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 7:05** **Jonathan Wilkinson – Context**
- 7:10** **Dr. Gerry Baier – Principles of Electoral Reform**
- 7:25 Instructions to Breakout Groups
- 7:30 Breakout Group Discussion #1
- 7:50** **Dr. Gerry Baier – Electoral Systems**
- 8:05 Breakout Group Discussion #2
- 8:20** **Breakout Group Findings**
- 8:40** **Summary Reflections – Jonathan Wilkinson & Gerry Baier**
- 9:00** **Adjournment**

Discussion Group Questions

1. What values or principles do you feel are most important and should be taken into account in choosing an electoral system for Canada? Why are these most important?
2. Given the values or principles you think are most important, what type of system would you prefer to see and why?

Electoral Reform: Values and Models

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Democratic Values

Proportionality

Complex preferences

Diverse Political Parties

Constituency

Representation

Diverse Candidates

Political Party Power

Stability/ Energetic

Government

Political

Professionalization

Electoral Systems

Proportional Systems

List Proportional (Open or Closed)

MMP (Mixed Member Proportional)

Non-Proportional Systems

SMP (Single Member Plurality)

AV (Alternative Vote or Instant Run-off)

Hybrid Systems

STV (Single Transferable Vote)

	Wasted Votes	Complex Preferences	Diverse Parties	Constituency Size	Diverse Candidates	Party Control	Stable and Energetic Govt	Pros or Amateurs
SMP	Many	None	Generally less diverse	As present	Up to Parties	Depends	Very	More Amateurs
AV	Fewer	Required	Likely even less diverse	Similar to present	Unlikely	More likely	Likely	More Pros
LIST PR	None	No	More diverse	None	More likely, though up to parties	Higher	More coalitions	Pros highly likely
MMP	None	Possible	More diverse	Larger	More likely, though up to parties	Higher	More coalitions	Place for Pros
STV	Far fewer	Required	More diverse	Likely much larger	More likely	Likely	More coalitions	Possible

Breakout Group Process

- Move into groups of 5-6 people max.
- Sit knee to knee in a circle
- Invite one volunteer scribe and timekeeper
- Share your thoughts and ideas regarding the question
- Use recording sheets to record findings and ideas
 - Question #1: 7:30 – 7:50 pm
 - Question #2: 8:05 – 8:20 pm