

Electoral Boundaries

That a revision could be accomplished by making part of the proposed riding of Beaches described in paragraph (5) part of the riding of Broadview-Greenwood by substituting the area commencing at the south side of Mortimer and Greenwood Avenues and extending easterly on the south side of Mortimer Avenue to Woodbine Avenue to form part of the proposed riding of Beaches.

Mr. Otto, the former member, argued similarly in 1967 when seeking a revision of electoral boundaries. He knew that the area north of Danforth Avenue, especially north of Mortimer, should for the most part be considered as belonging to the township of East York. Therefore, the people of the area had a community of interest. I suggest that we should use a common northern boundary of Mortimer Avenue for the proposed ridings of Broadview-Greenwood and Beaches. It gets away from the awkward jig-saw that was attempting to be made in the 1973 report with regard to following the city limit line right from Broadview on the west to Woodbine on the east. The third suggestion is contained in paragraph (7). It reads:

● (1720)

That part of the proposed riding of Broadview-Greenwood north of the limits of the city of Toronto and extending to the Don River on the north and also extending to Greenwood on the east and Broadview on the west does not give due consideration to the municipal, geographical, historical, cultural and community of interests aspects of the area.

I have made the following suggestion in paragraph (8) by way of a revision:

In addition to the revision recommended in paragraph (4) above a further revision could be accomplished by making part of the proposed area of Broadview-Greenwood described in paragraph (7) commencing on the north side of Pape and Mortimer Avenues and extending easterly on the north side of Mortimer Avenue to Greenwood Avenue and thence northerly on the west side of Greenwood Avenue to Donlands and Pape Avenues and thence southerly on the east side of Pape Avenue to Mortimer Avenue to be part of the proposed riding of York East.

This recommendation is almost the same as the commission's recommendation in their 1973 report and constitutes a municipal, cultural, and community of interests area with part of the proposed riding of York East.

I sum up my proposals in paragraph (9) by saying:

That the three recommendations contained herein constitute a better geographical, municipal, cultural and community of interest integration of the general area, minimize the movement of people from the former ridings to the newly-proposed ridings and correspond to the electoral quota for the province of Ontario.

In other words, for the proposed riding of Broadview-Greenwood there would be a northern boundary from Broadview to Greenwood, a southern boundary of Lakeshore, an eastern boundary of Greenwood Avenue and Leslie Street and a western boundary of Broadview Avenue. With regard to the proposed Beaches riding, there would be a northern boundary of Mortimer Avenue, a southern boundary of Lakeshore, an eastern boundary of the city limits, and a western boundary of Greenwood. That would form a better riding geographically, historically and from the standpoint of community of interest.

What I have done is take into account the population quotient with regard to the three suggestions I have made. The proposed riding of Broadview-Greenwood now has a population of 89,900. With the Rosedale change, there would be a loss of 8,800 and a gain of 6,775, giving a net loss of 2,025. With regard to Beaches, there would be a gain of 5,650. With regard to York East, there would be a loss of

6,670. Therefore, the new total for the proposed Broadview-Greenwood riding would be approximately 87,000. However, there has to be added to that three new apartments which have been built since the census was taken in 1971. They are on the west side of Broadview just south of Mortimer Avenue. There is also a new apartment in the Cambridge area just east of Broadview and Danforth Avenue. Those four apartments would constitute at least 2,000 people, making a grand total for Broadview-Greenwood of 89,000.

With regard to the proposed riding of Beaches, there would be going to Beaches from East York 7,300, and going from Beaches to Broadview, 5,650, giving a net gain of 1,650 and a new total for the proposed Beaches riding of 92,300. With regard to Rosedale, there would be a gain of 8,800 and a loss of 6,775, giving a net gain of 2,025 and a new total for Rosedale of 89,800. Finally, with regard to East York there would be a gain of 6,770 and a loss of 7,300, giving a net loss of 530 and a new total for York East of 90,250.

If these suggestions were accepted it would help the proposed riding of Broadview-Greenwood. It would give parallel lines to the riding. It would help the riding of Beaches with regard to the community of interest aspect and give parallel lines to the riding. It would give a common boundary to the north of Mortimer Avenue for both the proposed Beaches and proposed Broadview-Greenwood ridings. It would give Rosedale the community of interest and the lines proposed in the 1973 report, with a slight modification. Those are the main aspects with regard to the proposals. With regard to the name, in paragraph (10) I state:

That the proposed riding name of Broadview-Greenwood be named Broadview to more accurately describe the constituency and to avoid confusion.

The area from Broadview on the west to Greenwood on the east is generally known as the Broadview area. It would create confusion by adding the word Greenwood because the present Greenwood riding is being replaced by the proposed riding of Beaches. The only part of Greenwood that is in the proposed new riding of Broadview-Greenwood is the west side of Greenwood. It really is not enough to suggest the change. Greenwood has a history of starting at Greenwood Avenue and going east. Usually it went over as far Victoria Park or to the city limits. The people of the present riding of Broadview and the present riding of Greenwood know these names. We would be adding confusion by merging the name Greenwood with Broadview in the new, proposed riding.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCleave): Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but the time allotted to him by the special order made on Friday has expired.

Mr. Lloyd Francis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to make a lengthy intervention at this point. I was a member of this House in 1964 when the legislation establishing the independent commissions to reapportion was created. I think it is something of a reflection on parliament that today, in 1976, we are debating redistribution based upon the results of the census of 1971, nearly five years ago. Indeed, another census will take place in June of