

CITIZEN'S ASSEMBLY BEGINS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

Created by the McGuinty government, the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform has the responsibility of assessing Ontario's provincial electoral system, and systems in other jurisdictions, to recommend whether Ontario should retain its current system or adopt a new one. The Citizens' Assembly will discuss the options we have when we vote, and how our votes are translated into seats for Members of Provincial Parliament. If the Assembly recommends a change, all Ontario voters will have their say in a referendum to be held by October 2007.

Assembly members are currently in the process of learning about electoral systems but will consult with fellow Ontarians through a series of public meetings between November 2006 and February 2007. The consultation process is a chance for all Ontarians to have their say about Ontario's electoral system.

Assembly members will return to Toronto in February 2007 to deliberate and form their recommendation. Their recommendation will be outlined in a report due to the government by May 15, 2007.

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