

# **Open Forum**

## **Weekend 5, Deliberation Phase**

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# Purpose of presentation

- Feedback from last weekend
- Approve meeting notes
- Discuss objectives for this weekend

# Feedback from last weekend

- Lower ratings than usual but still very high
- High level of commitment and enthusiasm
- You liked the evening session on communication with public and media
- Some of you found making many design decisions difficult or rushed; others didn't like revisiting decisions
- You want more information on overhangs but not to reopen entire debate

# Last weekend

- You did further design work on the MMP and STV models
- You chose MMP as the best alternative system for Ontario

# Approve meeting notes from Weekend 4

# Formal decisions - remaining

## WEEKEND 5

- Choose between current system (SMP) and best alternative (MMP)
- If alternative chosen, decide whether to recommend it to the people of Ontario

## WEEKEND 6

- Approve final report

# Process for formal decisions

- Secret ballots
- Individually place ballots in the ballot box
- Choose three members at random to oversee the counting of ballots

# This weekend

## Presentation on overhangs

- A group of members did additional work on likelihood of overhangs and impact on MMP model
- You received materials in advance
- This will complete our design work on MMP model

# This weekend

## SMP or MMP?

- Fundamental decision still to be made
- Consider:
  - strengths and weaknesses of current system and alternative
  - what is involved in moving to a new system
  - a decision driven by your principles and preferred design objectives

# This weekend

## SMP or MMP?

- Medium groups will discuss first
- Plenary discussion: will hear from members in favour of SMP and MMP
- Vote will take place end of day today

# This weekend

## Approach to Final Report

- Sunday morning you will hear presentations from Final Report Advisory Committee and Ancillary Issues Working Group
- Then you will have workshops to discuss draft final report, corresponding to whichever decision you have made
- While workshops are taking place, members of learning team will hold a technical briefing for media and a Q and A session for public

# Three reports

- **Final report**
  - What you are recommending and why
  - Will be discussed in the Sunday workshops
  - Confidential until final
- **Comprehensive background report**
  - Documents the process and technical details
  - Draft available on-line in members' room; or ask staff for a hard copy
- **Evaluation report**
  - Report on how well the project met the success indicators set out at the beginning
  - Will be prepared by Institute on Governance

# This weekend

## Final Decision

- The final decision this weekend is on whether to recommend the Assembly's decision to the people of Ontario
- This will give members the opportunity, if they wish, to endorse the Assembly's decision because of the process that produced it, even if the decision wasn't their first choice

# Where you are at this point

- You have deliberated and designed an MMP model for Ontario
- It wasn't easy designing a model "in detail"
- Your decision required tradeoffs, e.g.:
  - Balancing the big 3 decisions
  - The broader implications of each decision
- The issue is the overall model – each of you will have views on individual elements

# ...Where you are

- Transparency has its challenges
- Your model received positive feedback
- Your model is your model – not anyone else's: the best collective decision in the time available

# Conclusion

- Remember, we will be successful if we:
  - Listen well, respect each other's opinion, and don't lose sight of our principles
  - Focus on our common objective: picking the best solution for Ontario