

Ontario



Citizens' Assembly
on Electoral Reform



Proposed Agenda for Learning Phase

Weekend One, September 9-10 Creating Community

Day 1, Saturday, September 9

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 10:00	Remarks from the Chair and Open Forum
10:00 – 10:45	Working Together: Plenary
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 12:00	Working Together, Our Shared Values: Small Group Discussions
12:00—1:00	LUNCH WITH FACILITATORS
1:00 – 2:00	Working Together: Reporting Back
2:00 – 2:45	Overview of Learning Phase and Learning Materials
2:45 – 3:00	BREAK
3:00 – 3:15	Introduction to Plans for Public Consultation
3:15 – 3:30	Discussion of Evaluation and Survey
3:30 – 4:00	Return to Hotel
5:00 – 5:30	Depart for Legislature
5:30 – 6:00	Tour of the Legislature
6:00 – 9:00	Lieutenant Governor's Reception/Dinner
9:00	Depart for Hotel

Weekend 1, Day 2, Sunday, September 10

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 9:40	Working Together
9:40 – 9:50	Voting Simulation
9:50 – 10:45	What are Electoral Systems?
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 11:45	Small Group Discussions: What Should Elections Accomplish?
11:45 – 12:30	Plenary: What Should Elections Accomplish?
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH AND COMPLETION OF SURVEYS
1:30 – 2:00	Return to Hotel

Weekend Two, September 30-October 1 Parliament, Parties & Values

Day 1, Saturday September 30

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 9:40	Open Forum: Feedback from Weekend One
9:40 – 10:20	Introduction to Consultation Process

Parliament

10:20 – 11:00	The Structure and Functions of our Legislature
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK
11:15 – 12:15	Small Group Sessions: How are we represented?
12:15 – 1:15	LUNCH

Political Parties

1:15 – 2:00	The Role and Function of Parties and their Relationship to Electoral Systems
2:00 – 3:00	Small Group Sessions: Parties & Electoral Systems
3:00 – 3:30	BREAK

Ontario's FPTP System

3:30 – 4:30	Panel Discussion: The Work World of the Legislature
4:30 – 5:00	Return to Hotel
Evening – 7:00	Optional Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• discussion of draft consultation plan and public guide/workbook• computer training/website help• expenses tutorial
7:00 – 9:00	Consultation Table and Registration

Day 2, Sunday, October 1

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)

Electoral Principles

9:15 – 10:00	What Principles Matter when Designing Electoral Systems?
10:00 – 11:15	Small Group Session: Principles
11:15 – 11:30	BREAK
11:30 – 12:30	Working Groups Creation
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH AND COMPLETION OF SURVEYS
1:30 – 2:00	Return to Hotel

Weekend Three, October 14-15 ***Electoral Systems – Part 1***

Friday, October 13

Evening: 7:00 and
8:00

Optional Working Groups – Initial Meeting of First Two Groups

Day 1, Saturday, October 14

7:45 – 8:45

BREAKFAST

8:45 – 9:15

Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)

9:15 – 9:45

Open Forum: Feedback from Weekend Two

9:45 – 10:30

The Changing Face of Ontario

Introduction to Electoral Systems

10:30 – 11:00

Electoral Systems

11:00 – 11:15

BREAK

11:15 – 12:30

Small Group Session: Electoral Systems

12:30 – 1:30

LUNCH

Plurality & Majority Systems

1:30 – 2:15

Plurality Systems

2:15 – 3:00

Majority Systems

3:00 – 3:15

BREAK

3:15 – 4:30

Small Group Sessions: Plurality & Majority Systems

4:30 – 5:00

Return to Hotel

Evening 7:00 & 8:00

Optional Working Groups: Initial Meeting of Second Two Groups

Evening 7:00 & 8:00

Consultation Plan Meetings

Weekend 3, Day 2, Sunday, October 15

7:45 – 8:45

BREAKFAST

8:45 – 9:15

Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)

9:15 – 10:00

Approval of Draft Consultation Guide and Workbook

10:00 – 10:30

Principles and Characteristics of First Past the Post

10:30 – 10:45

BREAK

10:45 – 12:30

Panel Discussion: Understanding Ontario's FPTP system

12:30 – 1:30

LUNCH AND COMPLETION OF SURVEYS

1:30 – 2:00

Return to Hotel

Weekend Four, October 28-29 ***Electoral Systems II***

Friday, October 27

Evening: 7:00 & 8:30 Second Meeting of First Two Working Groups

Day 1, Saturday, October 28

7:45 – 8:45 BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15 Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 9:45 Open Forum: Feedback from Weekend Three

Proportional Systems

9:45 – 10:45 Proportional Systems
10:45 – 11:00 BREAK
11:00 – 12:15 Small Group Sessions: Proportional Systems
12:15 – 1:15 LUNCH

Mixed Systems

1:15 – 2:30 Combining PR with Geographic Representation
2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
2:45 – 4:00 Small Group Sessions: Mixed Systems
4:00 – 4:30 Return to Hotel
Evening: 7:00 & 8:30 Second Meeting of Second Two Working Groups
Evening: 7:00 & 8:30 Consultation Plan Meetings

Day 2, Sunday, October 29

7:45 – 8:45 BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15 Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 10:15 Small Group Sessions: Mixed and PR Systems
10:15 – 11:30 Small Group Sessions: Preparing for Consultation
11:30 – 11:45 BREAK
11:45 – 12:30 Taking Stock – Open Forum
12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH AND COMPLETION OF SURVEYS
1:30 – 2:00 Return to Hotel

Weekend Five, November 11- 12 **Values-Driven Electoral Reform: Experiences from other Jurisdictions**

Day 1, Saturday November 11

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 9:45	Open Forum: Feedback from Weekend Four
9:45 – 10:45	The Importance of Principles in Electoral Reform
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 12:15	The Canadian Experience with Electoral Reform
12:15 – 1:15	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:15	Citizens' Assemblies: The Cases of BC and The Netherlands
2:15 – 3:15	Electoral System Change in Emerging Democracies
3:15 – 3:30	BREAK
3:30 – 4:30	The New Zealand Case
4:30 – 5:00	Return to Hotel
Evening: 7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informal Discussion with Speakers from that Day• Video of politicians from other jurisdictions

Day 2, Sunday, November 12 **Reviewing Our Principles and Characteristics**

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 9:45	Review
9:45 – 10:45	Small Group Discussion: Preliminary Weighting of Principles and Characteristics
10:45 – 11:15	BREAK
11:15 – 12:30	Reporting Back and Plenary Discussion of Values
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH AND COMPLETION OF SURVEYS
1:30 – 2:00	Return to Hotel

Weekend Six, November 25-26 ***Simulated Elections***

Day 1, Saturday, November 25

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 9:45	Open Forum: Feedback from Weekend Five
9:45 – 10:15	Introduction to Simulated Elections
10:15 – 11:00	Single Transferable Vote Simulation
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK
11:15 – 12:15	Working Group Presentation
12:15 – 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 – 2:15	Single Transferable Vote: Election Results
2:15 – 3:00	Mixed System Simulation (Compensatory & Parallel)
3:00 – 3:15	BREAK
3:15 – 4:00	Mixed Systems: Electoral Results
4:00 – 4:30	Return to Hotel
Evening: 7:00	Discussion of First Week's Consultation Meetings

Day 2, Sunday, November 26

7:45 – 8:45	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:15	Bus departs for York University (Keele Campus)
9:15 – 10:15	Mixed Systems: Different Assumptions
10:15 – 10:30	BREAK
10:30 – 11:30	Working Group Presentations
11:30 – 12:30	Wrap-up
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH AND COMPLETION OF SURVEYS
1:30 – 2:00	Return to Hotel