

# **Consultation Phase**

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# Objectives

- Hear your thoughts on:
  - Consultation plan
  - Consultation guide
- Share with you suggestions made by fellow members

# Thank you

- To members who participated in conference call on September 19<sup>th</sup>:
  - Jon Bridgman
  - Nancy Collins
  - Ron Green
  - Elaine Pommer
  - Bruno Steinke
  - John Toll
- To all the other members who e-mailed comments or spoke to us in person

# Consultation Plan

- Plan has three prongs:
  - Written comments (web, e-mail, mail)
  - Public meetings
  - Additional outreach:
    - Members in their communities
    - Youth
    - Social Planning Network meetings

# Members' Suggestions

- Highlights of members' suggestions:
  - Generally happy with plan
  - Show consultation as ongoing, not just 3 mos.
  - Reduce number of presentations per meeting from 15 to 10 – more time for information-sharing & discussion
  - Hold some meetings in rural ridings
  - Develop “toolkit” to help members do outreach in their communities (e.g. sample speeches, articles)

# Questions & Discussion

- Questions about the consultation plan?
- Overall impressions of the plan?
- Suggestions for changes?

# Consultation Guide

- Approach to guide:
  - Use guide to focus public input
  - Keep it short and accessible
  - Use it as an educational tool – refer to other learning materials (website)
  - Keep it neutral
- Guide will be:
  - Designed (graphics, etc.) in booklet form
  - Available in English, French, alternative formats (e.g. Braille)

# Content of Guide

- A bit about the Assembly
- Discussion of 8 principles and characteristics
- Basic descriptions of 4 families of electoral systems
- How to get involved
- Public consultation questions – people can answer all or some

# Four Consultation Questions

- Which of the eight principles do you think are most important? Why?
  - Are there other principles you think are important? Why?
- Do you think Ontario's current electoral system reflects the principles that are important to you?
  - If yes, why? If not, why not?

# ... Four Questions

- Do you think Ontario should keep its current electoral system or change to a different one?
  - If you think Ontario should change to a different system, which one do you prefer? Why?
  - How does your preferred system reflect the principles that are important to you?
- Is there anything else you want to tell or recommend to the Assembly related to its mandate?

# Members' Suggestions

- Highlights of members' suggestions:
  - Generally happy with guide
  - Focus guide as much as possible on principles, on what people value, as opposed to mechanics of systems
  - Put written submissions before public presentations, as these are limited (use plainer language for “submission,” e.g. comments)

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