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News Release

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Brampton North MP Consulting with Canadians on Electoral Reform

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform Launches a National Consultation on Electoral Reform

On Monday September 19th 2016, Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, and the Special Committee on Electoral Reform launched their cross-Canada tour to consult broadly with Canadians to identify viable alternative voting systems to replace the first-past-the-post system. The Special Committee will use this opportunity to hold formal hearings and public sessions where Canadians can share their views on electoral reform, online voting, and mandatory voting. The opinions and comments from individuals and organizations will not only improve the Special Committee's understanding of the issues involved, but also assist in preparing its report to the House of Commons by December 1st 2016.

Quote

“Our voting system is an issue of concern for all Canadians. It is vital that we, the Committee, hear their views on this subject, which will affect the way government is elected and how we are represented. Therefore, the views of Canadians are central to this democratic process.”

- *Ruby Sahota*, Member, Special Committee on Electoral Reform

“Through this tour, our committee will have the opportunity to hear directly from Canadians from across the country about the kind of voting system they feel is best suited to Canada's democracy in the 21st century. I look forward to working with colleagues from across all parties as we gather the diverse views, opinions, and expertise of Canadians. Together, it will be a vital component in our committee's future deliberations on electoral reform.”

- *Francis Scarpaleggia*, Chair, Special Committee on Electoral Reform

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Quick Facts

- The Committee's mandate was set out in a [motion](#) adopted by the House of Commons on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.
- As of September 2, 2016, the Special Committee has held 23 substantive meetings and heard from nearly 60 witnesses, including the Minister of Democratic Institutions and the Chief Electoral Officer. [Read transcripts of meetings.](#)
- So far 2,800 Canadians have participated in an online consultation launched on August 19, 2016.
- An [Update on the Special Committee's Study on Electoral Reform](#) was published on September 6, 2016.
- The Committee invites Canadians to share questions and comments on Twitter using the hashtags #ERRE #Q. Committee members may relay these questions to witnesses at the Committee's meetings.

Associated Links

Special Committee on Electoral Reform [travel schedule.](#)

Live audio feeds of the Committee's meetings across Canada will be available through the Committee's [website.](#)

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