



# MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT—ALWAYS!

PPR 123: 'Perfect Proportional Representation' + 'Instant Runoff Voting' = 'True' Democracy!

## 'TRUE' DEMOCRACY REQUIRES 'PPR123'— 'PERFECT PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION'!

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- This uncompromising statement should be carefully considered by all good people who are seeking the best possible electoral reform.
- The sad truth is that, throughout the history of Democracy, it has been seriously compromised in varying degrees by every electoral system ever used. They've all failed to fairly enable the free expression of the true 'will of the People'; and they've also all failed to fairly transform the People's expressed will into a truly representative elected body. As a result, the integrity of democracy—and, to some extent the legitimacy of the elected Governments—has been compromised by the systemic defects of their electoral systems.
- 'First-Past-the-Post' (FPTP), the electoral system given to Canada when it was established by England (and it should be noted that neither the People of England nor Canada were ever given any say in the imposition of FPTP), is widely recognized as probably the most deeply flawed of all voting systems. By comparison, almost any other electoral system is a major improvement. But alas, upon scrutiny, one finds serious flaws in all of the electoral reforms that have so far been adopted.
- To "**Make Every Vote Count**" is indeed a bold promise—even though it's just a simple expression of a core democratic principle. But it is the *right* promise—and the first *criterion* that a truly democratic electoral system ought to fulfill.
- In selecting our new electoral system, Canada must confront a fundamental choice. If we are to remain true to ourselves—and true to our commitment to core democratic principles—we Canadians must find the courage of our convictions and embrace the role and responsibility of becoming the world leader in Democratic electoral reform. And this can be accomplished only by adopting an innovative *new* electoral system—one that is designed to meet the expectations of the *21st Century*, and not hampered by the limitations of previous centuries (i.e. before digital technology)—a *made-in-Canada* solution that will truly fulfill the vision and promise of our Government to "*Make Every Vote Count*"!
- Fortunately, we have just such a new and original electoral alternative. It's called '**Perfect Proportional Representation**' (PPR123)—and it does indeed fulfill the promise to "*Make Every Vote Count*"—and furthermore, it even does this *Always!*
- The conceptual foundation for **PPR123** is a new and simple principle: '**The Primacy of the Citizen's Vote!**' This implies '*the equality of the Citizen's vote*' (which implies that every Citizen's vote must always count, and never be thrown away). This is in direct contrast with the previously unchallenged premise of '*the equality of the elected Member's vote*'—which has been the unrecognized flaw that has precluded the possibility of truly fair representative democracy under *any* existing voting system.
- Hypothetically there might be a better alternative than **PPR123**, or some improvement to it. But there's certainly no need or justification for compromising our criteria, or adopting any inferior alternative.
- Canada can—and should—take the leadership role in electoral reform, as the first democratic country to adopt **PPR123—Perfect Proportional Representation!**