Appendix E

Electoral district profile #1: Kiiwetinoong

Population

32,987

Only riding in Ontario with a majority Indigenous population

30 First Nation communities receive healthcare in the area

Region

North

Languages

4 major languages and numerous dialects

All data are taken from the Census Profile. 2016 Census - Statistics Canada



The new electoral district of Kiiwetinoong, located in Northern Ontario.

Source: Elections Ontario

Healthcare needs

- 200 long-term care beds are urgently needed for the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre
- In 2022, the wait time for a bed for a senior in need was between 3 to 5 years
- The closest beds are located far away in Thunder Bay or Fort Frances
- There are only 20 long-term care beds for approximately 30,000 residents, this is one bed for every 1,500 residents
- Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre staff applied for the beds in 2018
- Many residents feel that their needs are ignored. Chief Clifford Bull, in an interview in 2022, said, "There's still some anger. Being left out, and not being heard at Queen's Park" means many First Nations voters feel hostile or angry toward government
- Services such as treatment centres for substance abuse and mental health supports are almost non-existent
- · More beds mean more staff and more equipment will be needed

Electoral district profile #2: Parry Sound-Muskoka

Population

94,400

24,745 residents are over the age of 65 years, representing 30% of its population

Region

North

It is the southernmost riding in northern Ontario

Languages

98% of residents speak English

All data are taken from the Census Profile, 2016 Census - Statistics Canada



The electoral district of Parry Sound—Muskoka, located in Northern Ontario.

Source: Elections Ontario

Healthcare needs

- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare currently provides care to over 141,000 residents, cottagers and visitors to the Muskoka region
- Cottagers come to the region during the summer months, many of whom are older and have medical issues
- The electoral district covers a very big region and currently has two medium-sized hospitals that do not get enough funding to operate properly
- As the region continues to grow, so will the demand for health care services
- Both hospitals need more money to improve services and for construction/renovations
- If the hospitals do not receive the necessary funding, travel time required to access timely life-saving health care, access for vulnerable populations and those living in more remote areas means that some residents will not be able to get the health care they need
- If no funding is available, residents might have to drive to Barrie or North Bay rather than nearby Bracebridge or Huntsville to get health care they need

Electoral District Profile #3: Chatham-Kent— Leamington

Population

109.620

24,950 residents are under the age of 19, representing 23% of its population

Region

Southwestern

Languages

92% of residents speak English

All data are taken from the Census Profile, 2016 Census - Statistics Canada



The electoral district of Chatham-Kent—Leamington, located in Southwestern Ontario.

Source: Elections Ontario

Healthcare needs

- In 2019-20, over 110,000 children and youth received rehabilitation services (occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech-language pathology) through Children's Treatment Centres in community-based settings
- The current centre cannot handle the over 3,500 children and youth with special needs who access services there
- In March 2022, the centre had a long waitlist of 1,100 kids waiting to get into therapy programs and it just did not have the space
- A new building is needed to expand services
- The staff want a full-size gymnasium to do occupational therapy and physiotherapy; a therapy pool; areas for social work and for parents to talk to staff, more youth meeting rooms, and expansion of their autism program
- The current building is not accessible to people with disabilities; for example, every doorway is two inches too narrow
- The cost of a new building was set at \$48 million in 2022