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From the Chair



For my fellow Assembly members and me, attending consultation meetings these last two months has been like an extension of the Learning Phase. Listening to the viewpoints of Ontarians has given us a great deal to think about as we prepare for our deliberations. The opinions we heard are as diverse as Ontarians themselves.

Looking ahead to the Deliberation Phase, my role will be that of a facilitator who will help the Assembly come to a decision that takes into account everything they learned and heard. To that end I've spent a lot of time putting together a plan for

the Deliberation Phase for Assembly members to review.

Continuing our transparent process, deliberation proceedings will be open to the public, and a detailed schedule will be made available shortly. I hope you will continue to participate in this process not only by following the Assembly's decision making process, but by spreading the word in your communities so everyone will have a chance to understand the Assembly process before a decision is made.

George Thomson



The Consultation Phase is Complete!

The Consultation Phase began in late November and ends on January 31st. In that period the Assembly hosted more than 40 public meetings across the province. More than 2,000 people attended the meetings where about 500 people made formal and informal presentations.

Some presenters spoke in favour or against our current system, others recommended systems used elsewhere in the world while some came up with their own customized solutions for Ontario. Visit our site to read [summaries of public meetings](#) and find out what your fellow Ontarians had to say about the future of Ontario's electoral system.

Deliberation Begins in February

February 17 – 18, 2007	Context, Priorities & Selecting Systems to Design
March 3 – 4, 2007	Designing Alternative Systems – Part 1
March 17 – 18, 2007	Designing Alternative Systems – Part 2
March 31 – April 1, 2007	Assessing the Models
April 14 – 15, 2007	Final Decisions
April 28 – 29, 2007	Conclusion

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