

The Ballot

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From the Chair



The Assembly is now halfway through its Deliberation Phase and I'm pleased to report that they have successfully made a number of decisions on the way to forming their recommendation for the future of Ontario's electoral system.

In three weekend meetings Assembly members discussed what they heard during the Consultation Phase, established their priority objectives, and selected and designed two working models of alternatives to our current electoral system, Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) and Single Transferable Vote (STV).

Though they're nearing the end of the process Assembly members have their most challenging decisions ahead of them: What is the best design for each of the two alternative systems? Which is their preferred alternative? Should they recommend that Ontario keep its current system or change to a new one?

At the next meeting, the Assembly will put the finishing touches on the systems they are designing and then choose a preferred alternative. The meeting after that, April 14-15, will see Assembly members debate the merits of their preferred alternative against our current system and come to a decision about what to recommend to the people of Ontario.

I hope you will continue to follow the process to completion.

George Thomson



The Deliberation Phase Continues

Just three weekend meetings remain. Visit our site for a [detailed schedule](#) of what's to come.

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

Assembly meetings are held at [York University's Osgoode Hall \(Keele Campus\)](#) in Toronto. **Please note that Weekend 5 meetings will be held at 900 Bay Street (Queen's Park Complex) in Toronto.*
All meetings are open to the public.

Don't forget to visit [TVO's Citizens' Assembly micro-site](#) to access video of Assembly meetings, reports on public consultation meetings, member profiles and more.

The Assembly's final report is due May 15, 2007.

New on our Site

New content is being added to the Citizens' Assembly website every week. Recently launched areas include:

- [Deliberation Room](#) (More materials added!)
- [The Assembly in Action](#) (More photos on-line!)
- [A complete report on the Assembly's Consultation Phase is \[now available to download\]](#)

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