

**2017 Provincial Election Questionnaire**  
**Capital Region Municipal Amalgamation Society (Amalgamation Yes)**

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TO EACH CANDIDATE STANDING FOR ELECTION TO PUBLIC OFFICE IN ONE OF THE PROVINCIAL  
ELECTORIAL RIDINGS COMPRISING CAPITAL REGION DISTRICT in MAY 2017.

Please complete and return this questionnaire to [amalgamateyes@gmail.com](mailto:amalgamateyes@gmail.com) by April 15, 2017  
Responses will be posted on the <http://www.amalgamationyes.ca> website.

Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_ David Calder \_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate for: \_\_\_\_\_ BC Liberal \_\_\_\_\_ (name of provincial party: Liberal, NDP, Green, Other)  
Provincial Electoral Riding of: \_\_\_\_\_ Saanich South \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.** During the municipal election in November 2014, the majority electorate in the Capital Region District voted in favour of reducing the number of municipalities in the CRD and/or a study towards that end. In municipalities within your riding, the majority of voters were in favour of local government reform and rejection of the status quo. Both the Premier and the Minister responsible promised a fulsome amalgamation study. But since that time there has been scant movement toward that goal, and the current government has stated that the Capital Integrated Government and Services Initiative (CISGI) information gathering project will not look at amalgamation. There has been a failure of the current government to adequately respond to the will of the electorate. **If elected, what will you do to recognize the democratic will of the people of Greater Victoria?**
  
- 2.** The CRD is beset by controversy around its decision-making processes. The CRD Board is comprised of members appointed from the 13 municipalities who are not directly elected to represent regional interests. Rather, they are appointed to represent their municipality's interests and this results in costly failures to reach rational and prudent decisions on such matters as secondary sewage treatment, regional transportation, regional growth, public safety and other issues. **If elected, what reforms or changes, if any, will you make to address pressing regional issues?**

Thank you for your questionnaire about reducing the number of municipalities in the Capital Regional District. On behalf of all of Today's BC Liberal candidates seeking to represent CRD ridings, please accept the following response.

Today's BC Liberals believe the Capital Regional District governance structure needs modernizing to ensure that decisions are being made effectively, and that residents are getting the services and accountability they deserve. As we have recently outlined in our Vancouver Island Platform, we commit to undertaking a full review of CRD governance and work with communities on possible service integration or amalgamation, should residents support these initiatives. No community that does not wish to participate in integration or other governance changes will be forced to participate.

Thank you for allowing us to express our views.

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