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Honourable Coralee Oakes
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
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Dear Minister Oakes:

Re: Capital Regional Amalgamation Study

This will confirm that the Council of the Township of Esquimalt recently reviewed the draft Amalgamation Study Guidelines submitted to the Province by the City of Victoria and by the Amalgamation Yes group.

Council is acting on this matter and is moving forward on the mandate received from the public on the non-binding referendum questions relating to amalgamation and shared services at the 2014 local government election. However, prior to submitting proposed Study Guidelines to the Province, Council will conduct further public consultation on the draft Guidelines. We will be holding a Town Hall meeting and inviting public comments on the draft Guidelines in the near future in order to obtain concrete direction and clear criteria from the public on this important issue.

Following the completion of the public consultation process, we will provide further correspondence to you.

Please contact me if you have any questions relating to this issue or our process.

Yours truly,

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Director of Corporate Services