

Capital Region Municipal Amalgamation Society (Amalgamation Yes)

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TO EACH CANDIDATE STANDING FOR ELECTION TO PUBLIC OFFICE TO FILL THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT IN VIEW ROYAL MUNICIPALITY:

Thank you for participating in the November 18, 2017 by-election. We look forward to receiving your views on local governance reform. Please complete and return to amalgamateyes@gmail.com by November 8, 2017. Candidate responses will be posted on the <http://www.amalgamationyes.ca> website.

Candidate name: NATHAN DAISLEY

Candidate for: Councillor

Municipality: Town of View Royal

1. Are you in favour of the Provincially-funded, citizen-led, unbiased study of the current system of local government in the Capital Region District, to include municipalities and CRD? Yes or no. Please explain.

Yes, I believe that having a unbiased study will only help residents and council to better understand the issue at hand. Our council needs to be making decisions based on evidence and knowledge of what residents want.

2. Do you believe that View Royal residents should have the opportunity to state an opinion on the subject of an governance study on a common binding referendum question on the next (2018) municipal ballot? Yes or no. Please explain.

I believe that residents should have the opportunity to state their opinions on amalgamation. We should continue to lobby our government to follow through with their commitments.

3. After the November 2014 election, and the 75% YES vote for reform, the (then) Premier of BC, Christy Clark, and the (then) Minister of Communities, Coralee Oakes both promised an study into amalgamation. To date, no such study has been initiated. Leading up to the May 2017 Provincial election, the NDP promised: "You can count on BC New Democrats to follow through on our commitment to commission a study". But on August 13, the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Selina Robinson said she had no plans to commission an amalgamation study. As an elected councillor, what steps will you take with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to reinforce the will of the electorate and the Provincially-promised study?

I would bring forward a motion to Council asking the government to commission the study as promised.

4. Do you believe that the Capital Region District Board has been effective in dealing with regional service issues, such as waste water treatment (sewage), public safety (police, fire, 911), regional growth strategy, transportation and transit planning, etc? Yes or no. Please explain.

I believe that the CRD could be more effective, particularly with regard to regional growth strategies. With more cooperation in planning, infrastructure could have been designed more efficiently and we wouldn't have to be as concerned with updating our transportation infrastructure.

5. What would you do to improve regional governance in Greater Victoria?

This by-election is only for an eleven-month term. It would be unfair of me to commit too much time to CRD governance when my responsibility is to View Royal.