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The Honourable Coralie Oakes Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development PO Box 9056 STN PROV GOVT Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Oakes:

I write in regards to the results of the non-binding referendum question in the last general local government elections. I understand that the organization called "Amalgamation Yes" may have already been in contact with the Ministry about possible next steps in this regard.

North Saanich Council passed a resolution on January 19, 2015 that it is important that each municipality be engaged in determining the terms of reference and program for any amalgamation study in the Capital Region. The wording of our referendum question is:

Are you in favour of a study, provincially funded, to investigate the feasibility, costs and implications of amalgamating the three municipalities on the Saanich Peninsula of Sidney, Central Saanich and North Saanich?

The intention is that our municipalities request funding from the Province so that we may conduct such a study on behalf of our residents.

On behalf of myself and Council, I thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Mayor Alice Finall

