



VIEW ROYAL RESPONSES

Amalgamation Yes Questionnaire 2018 Municipal Election

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1. Are you in favour of a [citizens' assembly](#) process to look at governance in your community and its relation to the region? Why or why not? Please explain.
2. The current Capital Region District Board consists of municipal councillors and mayors who are appointed from the 13 municipalities. By legislation, these municipal appointments are responsible to represent the interests of their home municipalities. Do you think that regional interests would be better served if the entire CRD Board was directly elected by voters region-wide? Why or why not? Please explain.

VIEW ROYAL CANDIDATE RESPONSES: (Candidates listed in alphabetic order. Mayoral candidates denoted with “M”)

Name	Q 1: Supporting the Citizens' Assembly Model?	Q 2: Electing CRD Board by all voters, region-wide?
Nathan Daisley		
Adam Flint	Yes, it is the right of citizens to explore these options and issues. If the majority of citizens choose to partake in such a process, then it is their right to do so.	I believe that the current system of CRD board members is efficient at representing each of the 13 municipalities at the CRD level. It allows for representation of the smaller municipalities at this level when region-wide voting may not allow for that same representation. There would be risk of smaller municipalities falling by the wayside in a system such as you propose.
Damian Kowalewich		
Gery Lemon		
Ron Mattson		

<p>John Rogers</p>	<p>I would prefer an objective, independent, third party, evidence-based study, assessing the pros/cons for the region and each individual municipality. This is funded by province and region, with unbiased terms of reference. Once the findings are complete and vetted, then each municipality, the residents, would vote on options. Each of the 90 politicians would have one vote like everyone else. It will be the devil we know vs the devil we don't know. How drastically would neighbourhood ambiance, local concerns, environmental issues change? Would we gain significant efficiencies, and fair recognition for provincial funding as a city? It is interesting that Duncan and Cowichan Valley chose not to amalgamate this year. In about 1987 View Royal residents had voted not to join with Esquimalt. By the way, View Royal might be considering adding 2 more councillors (5-7) for the next election.</p>	<p>I think that this would be problematic without knowing all the details. The current CRD board of municipal directors would be abolished. The region would vote for board members without municipal boundaries? I think voters would still select those who live in their area or campaigned on similar interests (massive development urban sprawl?). What mechanisms for fair representation for each area? It seems this just adds another layer... we would still have the 'layer' consisting of municipal mayors/ councils and now these directors. This independent board would determine regional program, taxes, where services would or would not go (or sewage treatment plants), The question should have included a link to a successful example that exists elsewhere in Canada.</p>
<p>David Screech - M</p>		