



Capital Region Municipal Amalgamation Society

Report of the Nominating Committee

June 18, 2016

1) Board Members continuing two-year terms until June 2017

President Tony Heemskerk

Treasurer Sandy Menzies

Member at Large James Anderson

Member at Large Marg Gardiner

Member ar Large Shellie Gudgeon

Member at Large James Legh

2) Board Positions available for election

a) Vice-President (two year term)

Nominee: John Vickers

John is known locally as “Mr. Festival” and is the Executive Director of Victoria International Buskers, Chalk Art and Kite Festival Societies. He is a past recipient of the CFAX Arts Leader of the Year award and a runner up for for CFAX’s Community Leader of the Year. For almost 20 years John has also been the artist behind “Pumpkin Art”, an annual community Halloween fundraiser featuring displays of intricately carved pumpkins. He is active on a host of community board and has been actively involved with the issue of amalgamation since 2009. John has been Vice-President of the Society since 2013.

b) Secretary (two year term)

Nominee: Earle Anthony

Earle is a retired Professional Engineer (Civil) and spent 32 years in the Provincial and Federal government agencies, 17 of those years at the senior management level. After retirement he grew vegetables in Central Saanich for 13 years. He now lives in Oak Bay where he does some writing and a little gardening. He has been the Secretary of the Society since 2013.

c) Members at Large (two-year term); four positions available for election.

Nominees:

Lesley Ewing

Lesley is a retired Provincial public servant with a keen interest in public policy at all levels of government. During her working career she held senior executive director positions with the Province of BC, was responsible for financial management services in several ministries, and provided consulting services. She is devoted to active transportation advocacy (cycling/walking infrastructure) and to an improved system of governance for Greater Victoria. She has lived in the area for 35 years and is a graduate of the University of Victoria. She has been a member of the Society Board since 2014.

Karen Harper.

After completing a BA and MEd, Karen worked first as a teacher for 17 years, then on the British Columbia Teachers' Federation staff for 12 years, and finally as a senior vice-president at the BC Pension Corporation for 11 years where she spent substantial time working with pension boards and various government ministries. She has lived in Boston, Vancouver, Kamloops, Fort St. John and Victoria since 2000. She is now retired and spends her free time biking, sewing, reading, traveling, practicing French and sailing. She is actively involved in Saanich politics. Karen has been a member of the Society Board since 2014.

Colin Nielson

Colin is a retired RCMP member and he served as their representative on the CRD Enhanced 9-1-1 project. The unnecessary complexity originally built into the region's 9-1-1 system to accommodate multiple emergency response agencies convinced him that a regional emergency centre would provide a more effective and efficient service. Colin has lived in Greater Victoria since 1967. He has been a Society Board member since 2013.

John Weaver

John was born and raised in Great Britain, graduating with an honours degree in mathematics from the University of Bristol. He moved to Canada where he obtained a PH.D in physics at the University of Saskatchewan. John has lived in Victoria since 1961 and joined the University of Victoria faculty in 1966. Since retirement, he has been active in the Rockland Neighbourhood Association. As their representative and in conjunction with other neighbourhood associations, he petitioned local government to amalgamate the numerous police forces in the region. John has been a Society Board member since 2014.

3) Nominating Committee (3 positions available for election)

a) Two Committee members (two-year terms)

Nominees:

1) John Olson

John moved to Victoria in 2009 from Kingston Ontario where he was a professor at Queens University. As a resident of Colwood he has been keenly interested in the transportation and regional highway system. John has also been very frustrated with the failure of the CRD to provide effective leadership in siting and developing a sewage treatment system. He has had many letters published in the TC regarding the amalgamation issue. John has been a member of the Society for several years.

2) No Nominee.

b) One Committee member (one-year term)

Nominees:

None.