

**AMALGAMATION YES**  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JUNE 2017**

**1. BOARD MEMBERSHIP AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to Article VI Section 5 of the Bylaws, and with the consent of the Board Members involved, following the AGM in June, Colin Neilson will assume the position of Vice President and John Vickers will become a Board Member at Large and will retain his role as Media Spokesperson for the Board.

**2. MEMBERS COMPLETING THE SECOND YEAR OF THEIR TERM:**

**Colin Neilson (Vice President)**

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 more effective and efficient service. Colin has lived in Greater Victoria since 1967.

**Earle Anthony (Secretary)**

Earle, Professional Engineer (Civil), spent 32 years in provincial and federal government environment agencies, 17 of those years at a senior management level. Following retirement, he grew vegetables in Central Saanich for 13 years. He now lives in Oak Bay where he does a little writing and a little gardening. He was elected Secretary of the Board in June 2013.

**Lesley Ewing (Member at Large)**

Lesley is a retired provincial senior public servant with a keen interest in public policy at all levels of government. During her working career she held executive positions with the Province of BC, responsible for finance, administrative and technology services in several ministries. Her consulting activities included international trade issues. Lesley is also 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.

### **Karen Harper (Member at Large)**

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 the pension boards and various government ministries. She has lived in Boston, Vancouver, Kamloops, Fort St John, and Victoria since 2000. She is now substantially retired and spends her free time biking, sewing, reading, traveling, practicing French and sailing, and is very involved in local Saanich politics.

### **John Vickers (Member at Large)**

John is a security technology development consultant who is known locally as "Mr. Festival". He has helped to found a number of community events including the International Buskers, Chalk Art and Kite Festivals along with several community fundraisers including the annual Pumpkin Art display. He is a past recipient of the CFX Arts Leader of the Year award and a runner-up for CFX's Community Leader of the Year. John has passionately fought for regional amalgamation for many years and founded Amalgamation Victoria in 2009, which merged with other groups to form Amalgamation Yes.

### **John Weaver (Member at Large)**

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 the Province and local government to amalgamate the numerous police forces in the region. He ardently supports municipal amalgamation.

### **3. MEMBERS STANDING FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ON THE BOARD:**

#### **Shellie Gudgeon (President)**

Shellie is a former City of Victoria Councillor who is passionate about working together for the enhancement of the region. Shellie was born and raised in Victoria. She and her husband have owned several restaurants over the past twenty five years and currently own Il Terrazzo Ristorante in the City of Victoria. Shellie believes that "*Simply put - together we are stronger.*"

#### **Sandy Menzies (Treasurer)**

Sandie is a Greater Victorian who grew up in Gordon Head, graduating from Mt. Douglas High School and the University of Victoria. During the years that her children were growing up, she served on the executives of both Gordon Head Soccer and the Saanich Lacrosse Association. Her family has been involved in the plumbing and heating business in Greater Victoria since 1909, and has experienced the difficulties of working across municipal boundaries. For 15 years she operated a bed and breakfast. She believes that the people of Greater Victoria should have an opportunity to tell the local politicians how they feel about amalgamation in the Capital Region.

#### **James Anderson (Member at Large)**

James is a graduate of UBC in Regional Planning, a 40 year resident and retired senior manager of the BC Government. He has experience with land use for parks/recreation, agriculture and coastal resources, and is the author of BC's Magnificent Parks; the first 100 years. James is a former resident of Edmonton and Calgary where even with massive urban growth were governed as unified city states, and particularly with joint use facilities between schools and community recreation. James is concerned with the unequal contribution of many CRD residents to the costs of arts/culture, recreation and social services/housing, the integration of regional emergency services and failure of our municipal leaders to give priority to need for regional transportation plan.

### **Marg Gardiner (Member at Large)**

Marg has lived in the region for 24 years, 10 in Saanich and 14 in Victoria. Her public sector career involved leadership roles in regulatory enforcement and research administration. She has lived in four provincial capital cities in Canada. Marg's sense of, and respect for community activism stems from her prairie roots. Much of her current community work is through the James Bay Neighbourhood Association, where she serves as President. Marg's focus has been on quality of life issues, including airshed and noise pollution. Recently, her attention has been drawn to the CRD Wastewater Treatment System as the neighbourhood of James Bay is expected to carry the heaviest load of construction impacts.

### **James Legh (Member at Large)**

James is a lawyer, businessman and community volunteer. He currently Chairs the National Scout Foundation and is active with local youth. He has worked with the Victoria Foundation, been a member Saanich Police Board, a director of Children's Museum of Victoria Association, the Learning Disabilities Association of British Columbia, Stages Dance Theatre Society and Kaleidoscope Theatre Productions Society. He is a holder of the Chief Scout's Award and has been recognised by the Saanich Volunteer Adult Award (2001), the Medal of Merit for service to Scouting (2005), the Canadian Bar Association (B.C.) Community Service Award (2008), awarded the VBA Volunteer Award in 2013, and the Bar to the Medal of Merit for continued good service to Scouting (2011). He owns businesses located in Saanich, Victoria, Esquimalt and Sooke.

### **John Olson (Member at Large)**

John Olson is a retired Queens University professor interested in transportation issues. He served on the Kingston, Ontario transit advisory committee, was a member of Transport Action Ontario and co-hosted its AGM in Kingston. As a resident of Colwood for 8 years, John is a frequent user of the #50 bus that braves the rush hour congestion. He's an advocate for light rail using the E&N corridor and for reform of governance to enable regional control of transit management and development.

#### **4. MEMBERS STANDING FOR A POSITION ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

##### **Tony Heemskerck (Two Year term)**

Tony is retired and involved in various community endeavours, such as health care and political campaigns, and other individual activities. He is a former provincial deputy minister with the British Columbia government with 33 years of public sector experience, including corrections, policing, victim services, emergency services, and liquor, gaming, transportation, firearms, and security industry regulation. He has lived in Saanich since 1985 and believes that amalgamation will have many benefits and that the public should be given the opportunity to decide.

##### **Peter Spurr (One Year term)**

Peter has 25 years of experience as a researcher and analyst for the federal housing agency in Ottawa, and 10 years' experience as a private research contractor specializing in urban planning topics. Now a resident of Cook Village, he previously lived in Saanich for 19 years. He is an active cyclist, walker and BC Transit user, and was involved with the Mount Tolmie Community Association. He is the President of the Victoria Chapter of the Carleton University Alumni Association. He believes citizens should have accurate information about amalgamation issues.

##### **Vacancy (One year term)**