

View Royal By-Election Questionnaire

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: ADAM FLINT

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, it is the right of citizens to explore these options and issues.

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.

Yes, residents should always be heard. If this question is something that the majority of residents want to see on a ballot then it should be included.

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?

As amalgamation has been a topic for years I believe that an independent study should be undertaken to determine the best way forward. I would work with the rest of council to let the minister know that this was something that was asked for and 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.

Yes I do. While there are improvements that can be made, I believe the CRD is performing the majority of these shared services well.

One area I would like to see further work on would be transportation and regional solutions. As councillor I would actively pursue this at the CRD level.

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

I would like to see an increase in shared services between the municipalities. I would work with neighbouring council and the private sector to take advantage of these opportunities wherever possible.