

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: Angela Hanes

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, we need to look at ways to be more efficient however do understand there would be tremendous obstacles with regard to amalgamating zoning and by-laws for 13 municipalities. We do lack a regional focus.

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

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 a 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?

To engage with our greater View Royal community in discussion on amalgamation, its' challenges and our regions goals. With this collective voice, continue to engage regularly with provincial powers until we get a good answer.

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.

Waste Water Treatment – Fail, flushing our toilets into the ocean in this day and age is unacceptable.

The other issues have so little transparency it is hard to comment. I will, however, state that transit planning and accountability is not working. It's time to get to work and create a cohesive transit plan.