

Councillors should get together regularly

Re: “Creating citizens’ assembly,” editorial, April 18.

The editorial spoke to the possibility of citizens being elected or otherwise chosen to represent the people of two or three municipalities.

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This idea is on the right track but remains unnecessarily complex. We already have representatives for these municipalities: They are called city councillors. These are the people who should meet in a collective assembly.

In fact, if all the councillors from all municipalities just got together three or four weekends a year, they could be the “go to” body for capital-region decision-making and sidestep entirely the anti-democratic tendencies of reducing 13 municipal councils to one (or maybe three).

Also, the deadlock resulting when municipalities disagree would be entirely avoided and the pace of decision-making dramatically increased.

All that’s really needed is for folks who run to be municipal councillors to make sure they are available for the weekend municipal-assembly meetings.

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