

# Councillors trying to thwart amalgamation

Re: "Victoria and Saanich agree to question on amalgamation," June 27.

When you consider the path to just get an area amalgamation review on the table, never mind amalgamation itself, I am amazed by the extent that some municipal councillors will go to prevent even a review from occurring, or to try to taint a review.

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I believe whatever the price tag for the Victoria-Saanich assembly, it will be a drop in the bucket compared with the efficiencies that the consolidation of these municipalities will deliver, and residents of both communities will vote overwhelmingly in favour. The people have always been well ahead of local politicians in this regard. They are just as wise today as they were last time.

The sad part of this backdrop is to have a provincial government almost alone in the Commonwealth in shirking its fundamental responsibility of municipal oversight, as called upon by area mayors and councils, as well as the greater community.

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