

Don't include Saanich in amalgamation

Re: "No amalgamation: Duncan rejects merging with North Cowichan," June 24.

As a longtime Saanich taxpayer, I intend to follow the lead of the citizens of Duncan and vote no for amalgamation.

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For far too long, we have been bombarded by the loud voices of the special-interest groups, who constantly promote amalgamation for the Capital Regional District, but I am very happy with the services provided to us by Saanich. After thoroughly analyzing the amalgamation issues, including negative results in other jurisdictions, I've concluded that the negatives far outweigh the positives.

If other municipalities in the CRD choose to amalgamate, I will respect their right to do so, but I would feel much better if Saanich were not included.

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