

Efficiency, community not mutually exclusive

Re: “Amalgamation page left blank,” editorial, and “Province should fix municipal confusion,” column, Aug. 25.

The editorial did not go unnoticed by this reader, nor did Lawrie McFarlane’s excellent column on the same topic.

The issues of municipal efficiency and sense of community are equally important and not, as some would suggest, mutually exclusive. Yes, we can have better government while remaining happy neighbours.

Once again, amalgamation of our beautiful Greater Whatever area has been swept under the rug, this time by our provincial government. What is missing in the idea that a majority vote demands study? As the editorial points out, it appears that “pages” are intentionally missing in the latest report and so many citizens have been disregarded.

Pity.

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(No mayor needed here)