

2020 Victoria By-election Questionnaire
Capital Region Municipal Amalgamation Society (Amalgamation Yes)
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TO EACH CANDIDATE STANDING FOR ELECTION TO PUBLIC OFFICE in the City of Victoria By-Election, December 12 , 2020.

Please complete and return to amalgamateyes@gmail.com by November 30, 2020. Responses will be posted on the <http://www.amalgamationyes.ca> website.

Candidate name: William Heflin

1. The electorate-approved Citizens' Assembly (CA), which is well underway in Saanich and Victoria, will be tasked to make recommendations to those respective councils on the potential for unification. If the CA recommends that the two municipalities merge, what will you do to facilitate this process and ensure the voters have an opportunity to vote on the recommendations in a binding referendum?

If the CA votes in a unification resolution, I will move before Council that it go to referendum.

2. Not withstanding a municipal merger, do you agree that combining critical services, such as policing and fire fighting, would provide more effective and efficient public safety for the residents of Greater Victoria? Yes or no. Please explain.

No. I believe that local municipalities should control their own emergency services.

3. The current Capital Region District Board consists of municipal councillors and mayors who are appointed from the 13 municipalities. By legislation, these municipal appointments are responsible to represent the interests of their home municipalities. Do you think that regional interests could be better served if the entire CRD Board was directly elected by voters region-wide? Why or why not? Please explain.

At this time I am of the view that Victoria is not capable of governing itself. I would favour any proposition that would get those people away from the levers of power. If a City Councillor wishes to perform in a dual role, there is not reason that person should not face election for the job.