

Research pros and cons of amalgamation

Re: “Amalgamation rejection ignores citizens’ wishes,” letter, Aug. 27.

I have been a resident of Langford for nearly 25 years. With a few exceptions, I am very satisfied with the administration of our city, the services it delivers and the reasonable costs (taxes) that I pay. At this time, I am not supportive of amalgamation.

I do, however, support the notion of an in-depth review of what benefits might be gained from amalgamating with neighbouring jurisdictions. Would services improve or decline? Would access to those services improve or diminish? And the bottom line: Would costs (taxes) increase or decrease?

Who would conduct such a study is another question. I am not keen on our provincial government meddling in municipal affairs and it does not appear the province is keen on it, either.

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