

Good Day Citizens' Assembly Sub-Committee Members,

The Board of Amalgamation Yes would like to convey our thanks to you, the City of Victoria, and the District of Saanich, for your recent actions relating to convening a Citizens' Assembly ***to explore the costs, benefits and disadvantages of the amalgamation between the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria.***

In addition to the Citizens' Assembly process materials from the Duncan/North Cowichan experience we suggest other useful sources:

MASS LBP website has exhaustive information on a deliberative democratic processes and offers a free publication "How To Run A Civic Lottery"  
[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55af0533e4b04fd6bca65bc8/t/5aafb4b66d2a7312c182b69d/1521464506233/Lotto\\_Paper\\_v1.1.2.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55af0533e4b04fd6bca65bc8/t/5aafb4b66d2a7312c182b69d/1521464506233/Lotto_Paper_v1.1.2.pdf)

The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform (2005 ) published an 8pg report "Appendix 1- Consultants Term of Reference"  
<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/committees/37thParliament-5thSession-citizen>

These references provide ideas on the rationale and methodology for the Citizens' Assembly process.

We look forward to witnessing the progress of this critically important process.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Amalgamation Yes Board,  
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