



## Council Member Motion

For the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting of February 12, 2015

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**Date:** February 6, 2015

**From:** Mayor Lisa Helps and Geoff Young

**Subject:** Amalgamation

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### Recommendation

1. That Council consider and discuss the "Guidelines" with regard to a provincial study on regional governance in the attached letter.
2. That Council direct the Mayor to write and meet with the Minister of Community Development, Sport and Culture requesting that that the Province undertake a study on regional governance based on the attached Guidelines (once amended and adopted by Council).

### Summary

On January 7<sup>th</sup> Council received a letter from Tony Heemskerk Chair, of Amalgamation Yes that outlined the actions taken by the organization following a strong mandate from the residents of Greater Victoria to study amalgamation. The letter contains "Guidelines" that have also been sent to the Minister of Community Development, Sport and Culture as well as to other municipalities. As the Capital City Victoria has a responsibility to take a leadership role in discussions on regional governance. We are therefore proposing that Council consider and take action on the enclosed letter and guidelines.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Helps".

"Reviewed and accepted by Councillor Young"

Mayor Helps

Councillor Young