

Questions for the Amalgamation Committee

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To: Amalgamation Chair

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Sent: Monday, April 20 at 2:48 p.m.

Hello Derek,

Attached is a PDF summarizing the questions submitted to date for the Amalgamation Committee, ranked by the number of likes. The full details are also available online [here](#)

I want to note that, so far, none of the questions submitted to the Committee have been addressed publicly, nor have they appeared on any meeting agenda. This absence of acknowledgement is creating understandable frustration in the community.

It would be very helpful for the Committee to recognize that the current mechanism for submitting public questions—an email address—does not provide transparency. Residents cannot see the full list of questions, when they were submitted, or whether they are being considered. As you may have seen on social media, many people are expressing concern that their questions are going unanswered.

Improving this process would go a long way toward rebuilding public confidence and ensuring residents feel heard.

Regards,

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Amalgamation Questions Report

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Sorted by number of likes (most liked first).

#	Likes	Question	Submitted
1	12	Is there a similar municipality to ours where amalgamation has been shown to work?	Mar 24, 2026
2	9	At what specific dollar amount of projected tax increase would you, as a committee, vote 'No' on amalgamation?	Apr 03, 2026
3	9	Under amalgamation would there be an open competition for the CAO position and not just a selection of the CAO from the existing 3 CAOs?	Mar 27, 2026
4	8	Under what conditions would amalgamation NOT proceed?	Mar 24, 2026
5	8	What is broken within our towns and municipality, that amalgamation will fix?	Mar 24, 2026
6	6	Many of us living outside the town limits already see limited services, despite paying taxes. As a municipality, we at least currently have a voice through our councillors. If amalgamation goes ahead, how will rural residents be protected from being overlooked and ignored especially if towns priorities take precedence and taxes rise?	Apr 03, 2026
7	6	If amalgamation were to move forward, what are the mandates/targets to ensure duplication and redundancies are removed and/or eliminated?	Mar 25, 2026
8	5	amalgamation doesn't always save money. Some studies show costs actually increase due to: Higher wages (standardizing to the highest level) Expanded services Larger bureaucracy How can the committee guarantee that tax payers won't see an increase in taxes?	Apr 04, 2026
9	5	Depending if you live in the towns or municipality will the property taxes go up?	Mar 24, 2026
10	4	Merging systems, staff, contracts, and infrastructure is expensive and messy upfront. IT systems, union agreements(if applicable) pay scales—all need to be aligned. It can take years before any savings actually show up (if they do). Does the committee know, how many years it could take, to actually see a savings ? (If any at all)	Apr 04, 2026
11	4	Policies that work in a town don't always fit rural or coastal communities. Standardized bylaws can ignore local realities (agriculture, fishing, distance, etc.). How can we be assured that if amalgamation happens, that towns and municipalities will be fairly treated and represented?	Apr 04, 2026
12	4	If amalgamation were to happen, how would representation look? How many elected officials? Mayor or Warden?	Mar 24, 2026
13	3	The largest population centre often ends up with the most influence. Investment may gravitate toward growth areas instead of smaller communities. How can you reassure, if amalgamation happens, that all units are treated and represented fairly?	Apr 04, 2026
14	3	To eliminate duplication, some administrative will may be cut. How will you decide who keeps their employment and who gets fired?	Apr 04, 2026