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Fw: Public Questions

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Subject: Public Questions

Hello Derek,

Please find attached the current list of public questions, ordered by "likes." It is necessary to point out - again - that the committee has not responded to any of them, despite having ample time.

My own question about how agenda items are set has gone unanswered for weeks. This silence directly undermines any claim of transparency.

The committee's lack of responsiveness is unacceptable.

Regards,

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Amalgamation Questions Report

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Sorted by number of likes (most liked first).

#	Likes	Question	Submitted
1	16	Is there a similar municipality to ours where amalgamation has been shown to work?	Mar 24, 2026
2	13	Under what conditions would amalgamation NOT proceed?	Mar 24, 2026
3	13	What is broken within our towns and municipality, that amalgamation will fix?	Mar 24, 2026
4	11	At what specific dollar amount of projected tax increase would you, as a committee, vote 'No' on amalgamation?	Apr 03, 2026
5	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
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	Will the Committee provide a written explanation of how they arrived at their recommendation on amalgamation? And just as important, will residents have access to that report before the decision point, not after?	May 03, 2026
9	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
10	5	Depending if you live in the towns or municipality will the property taxes go up?	Mar 24, 2026
11	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
12	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
13	4	If amalgamation were to happen, how would representation look? How many elected officials? Mayor or Warden?	Mar 24, 2026
14	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
15	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
16	1	If the amalgamation happens will there be water lines in the south for those who need and want water.	May 20, 2026