



RESOLUTION

PASSED BY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2014

WHEREAS: the Community Charter Part 4 – Public Participation and Council Accountability, Division 1 – Elections, Petitions and Community Opinion, Section 83 (1) Council may seek community opinion, states that: “A council may seek community opinion on a question that the council believes affects the municipality, by voting or any other process the council considers appropriate,” and Section 83 (2) “The results of a process under this section are not binding on the council.”

WHEREAS: the issue of amalgamation is expected to be a topic of discussion during the 2014 municipal elections throughout Greater Victoria;

WHEREAS: the 2014 municipal election presents an opportunity to gauge public opinion within the Township of Esquimalt on the Township’s autonomy, amalgamation and alternatives to amalgamation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Township of Esquimalt shall seek community opinion from Esquimalt voters on the following two questions via a non-binding referendum on the 2014 Municipal Election ballots:

1. **Are you in favour of the Township of Esquimalt exploring options to achieve efficiencies by further sharing some services with other municipalities?**

“YES” or “NO”

2. **Are you in favour of exploring the reduction of the number of municipalities within Greater Victoria through amalgamation?**

“YES” or “NO”