The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Memo

To: **Mayor and Council**

From: **Angila Bains, Director of Legislative and Protective Services/Corporate Officer**

Date: **July 06, 2025**

Subject: **Victoria-Saanich Citizens' Assembly on Municipal Amalgamation – Final Report**

File: **1420-30**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council receive the presentation from the Citizens' Assembly for information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to provide Council the information on Victoria-Saanich Citizen's Assembly which was formed to explore the costs, benefits and disadvantages of amalgamation of the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich.

DISCUSSION

The District of Saanich and City of Victoria engaged MASS LBP to chair and facilitate an independent Citizens' Assembly. As per the approved terms of reference by both Councils, the mandate of the assembly was to be an impartial advisory body that was tasked with representing the residents of Saanich and Victoria in investigating the costs, benefits and disadvantages of the amalgamation between the District of Saanich and the City of Victoria.

The attached report of the Victoria-Saanich Citizens' Assembly is the conclusion of 48 Assembly members that were selected by Civic Lottery in June of 2024.

Council will receive a presentation of the report by the Chair for the Citizens' Assembly and Principal of MASS LBP.

At this time, staff are recommending that Council receive the presentation for information. Staff will bring forward a report outlining options at a future meeting of Council.

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Approved by: Angila Bains, Director of Legislative and Protective Services/Corporate Officer

Attachments:
Victoria-Saanich Citizens' Assembly on Municipal Amalgamation – Final Report
Approved Terms of Reference – Citizens' Assembly

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I endorse the recommendation from the Director of Legislative and Protective Services/Corporate Officer.

Brent Reems, Chief Administrative Officer