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Governance Review
Task Force

LETTER FROM MINISTER ROBINSON, MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING – SHARED INTERESTS AND JOINT INITIATIVES

Letter from Minister Robinson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing confirming receipt of letters from Mayor Atwell and Mayor Helps regarding the establishment and funding of a Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation.

Mayor Atwell stated:

- He and Mayor Helps are meeting with the Ministerial Assistant on April 11, 2018. A report outlining the outcomes from the discussion will be prepared.

MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: “That staff be requested to write a letter to the mayors of municipalities who share a common border with Saanich to ask if they are interested in participating in discussions with respect to the establishment and funding of a Citizens’ Assembly on amalgamation.”

Council discussion ensued with the following comments:

- It would be helpful to receive costs for potential work.
- The information from the meeting could be used to make subsequent decisions.
- It is appropriate to ask neighbouring municipalities if they wish to participate.
- It may be more appropriate to wait until after the meeting with the Ministerial Assistant to invite other municipalities to participate.

MOVED by Councillor Murdock and Seconded by Councillor Brice: “That consideration of inviting neighbouring municipalities to participate in the discussions with respect to the establishment and funding of a Citizens’ Assembly be deferred until after receipt of the report from Mayor Atwell outlining the results of discussions with the Ministerial Assistant.”

Council discussions ensued with the following comments:

- Other municipalities may participate if specific information can be provided to them.
- The scope of the study and funding model may need to change if other municipalities agree to participate.

The Motion to Defer is then Put and CARRIED