

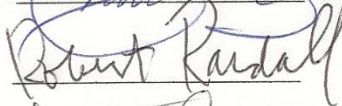
amalgamation appears to have been quietly shelved. The need for this to be reactivated was never more obvious than at the time of the tragic multiple murder/suicide in Oak Bay last year when a bizarre series of events involving three separate police departments, misdirected emergency calls and unreliable communications revealed a complete lack of central authority and direction and the inability of a small, ill-equipped police department to respond to a major crime of this nature when it occurs within the boundaries of its jurisdiction. Lives might have been saved had a regional police force been in place.

Although there can be no other metropolitan region in Canada with so many different police departments serving a population of 350,000, narrow self-interest will, unfortunately, prevent amalgamation from being initiated by the other municipalities of Greater Victoria. Only courageous and decisive action by the Provincial Government can rectify this anomalous and unsustainable situation. In the interests of fairness, equity, sustainability and efficiency, we urge you and the Government to recognise that this urgent problem needs immediate attention.

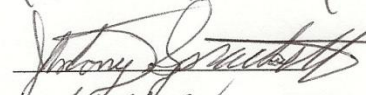
Yours respectfully,



Burnside Gorge Community Association



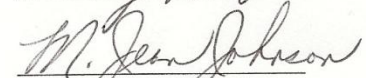
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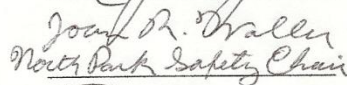
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James Bay Neighbourhood Association



North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association



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North Park Safety Chair

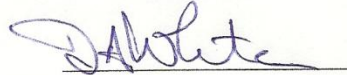
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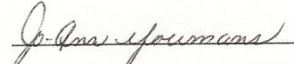
Oaklands Community Association



Rockland Neighbourhood Association



South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association



Victoria West Community Association

cc. Victoria Police Board, City of Victoria, Municipality of Esquimalt