PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

Vote on the proposed amalgamation of The Corporation of the City of Duncan and The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan

Local Government Act and Community Charter

Ministerial Order No. M 128

WHEREAS pursuant to section 4 (2)(a) of the *Local Government Act*, the Minister may direct that a vote be taken of persons in an area specified by the Minister respecting the proposed incorporation of those persons into a new municipality;

AND WHEREAS if a new municipality would include 2 or more existing municipalities, section 279(a) of the *Community Charter* requires that a separate vote be taken in each of the existing municipalities in accordance with section 4 of the *Local Government Act*:

AND WHEREAS the Minister received a request from the council of The Corporation of the City of Duncan ("Duncan") requesting that a vote be taken with respect to the amalgamation of Duncan and The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan ("North Cowichan") as one municipality;

AND WHEREAS section 3(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* and section 279(b) of the *Community Charter* provide that if more than 50% of the votes counted as valid in each of Duncan and North Cowichan favour the proposed amalgamation of Duncan and North Cowichan as one municipality, the Minister may recommend incorporation of a new municipality to the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

NOW THEREFORE I, Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, hereby order as follows:

- 1. I direct that a vote be taken to determine whether the electors of Duncan are in favor of amalgamation with North Cowichan as one municipality.
- 2. The vote shall be taken on Saturday, June 23, 2018.
- 3. For the purpose of the vote, the map dated the 28th day of March and attached as Schedule 1 to this Order specifies the boundaries of the proposed new municipality.
- 4. The question on the ballot shall be:

"Do you support The Corporation of the City of Duncan and The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan amalgamating into a new municipality?"	
YES NO	
April 3, 2018	Leline Lohi
Date	Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1, sections 4 and 5; Community Charter, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26, s. 279

