



## INFORMATION SHEET Boundary Realignment

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### OVERVIEW

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In 2014, Duncan residents voted in favour of studying the realignment of the existing boundaries of the City of Duncan, either separately, or together with an amalgamation study.

A Citizens' Assembly, a representative body of citizens, was created to study the question of municipal amalgamation; they did not consider boundary realignment. The Citizens' Assembly recommended moving forward with a referendum on amalgamation.

Subsequently, in June 2018, the City of Duncan and the District of North Cowichan held a referendum on amalgamation of the two municipalities to create a single new municipality, which did not pass.

However, the question of realigning the boundary is still outstanding. To find out if residents are still supportive of studying boundary realignment, the City will be seeking public input through the following questions in the 2019 Citizen Survey:

*Do you support exploring the costs and benefits of moving the northern boundaries of the City further north into what is currently the District of North Cowichan?*

*Do you support exploring the costs and benefits of moving the southern boundaries of the City further south into what is currently electoral areas of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, south of the Cowichan River?*

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### KEY FACTS

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#### **Why did the City include questions on boundary realignment in the 2019 Citizen Survey?**

As there is a new City Council, they wanted to understand the residents' interest in continuing to explore this topic before deciding one way or the other on abandoning or proceeding with the boundary realignment study.

#### **In 2014, did voters support the referendum question on boundary realignment?**

Yes, in 2014 the following question received 567 votes for and 480 votes against:

*Are you in favour of spending time and resources to study the options, costs, and benefits of realignment of the existing boundaries of the City of Duncan, either separately, or together with an amalgamation study?*

#### **Did the Citizens' Assembly consider boundary realignment?**

No, the Citizens' Assembly focused only on amalgamation, which leaves the boundary realignment question outstanding.

#### **Will North Cowichan and Cowichan Valley Regional District have a say?**

If Duncan residents support undertaking a study, it would involve the Municipality of North Cowichan and the CVRD, and would create a financial snapshot for discussion on whether there is support to continue to explore the option.

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### WHO TO CONTACT

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Questions for City staff? Contact the Chief Administrative Officer at 250-746-6126.

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