

Anja Nurvo

From: Barb Desjardins
Sent: March 30, 2016 1:54 PM
To: McKenzie Pollock
Cc: Laurie Hurst; Mayor and Council; Anja Nurvo
Subject: Re: Robert Bish re: Governing Greater Victoria study

It is important to have this available for Tuesday night as Beth has requested and we should review this correspondence at council Monday . That puts it out for people to read prior to Tuesday's mtg

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On Mar 30, 2016, at 1:43 PM, McKenzie Pollock <McKenzie.Pollock@esquimalt.ca> wrote:

From: Jeff Miller
Sent: March 30, 2016 7:06 AM
To: Kim Maddin
Subject: Fwd: Governing Greater Victoria study

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Bish
Date: March 30, 2016 at 6:42:02 AM PDT
To: <jeff.miller@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: FW: Governing Greater Victoria study

I got a message that Laure is out of the office.

I am writing to invite you to access a newly published monograph that describes how the Greater Victoria Region is governed and how services are provided.

The link below will take you to *Governing Greater Victoria: The Role of Elected Officials and Shared Services* by Robert Bish and Josef Filipowicz, with the assistance of Professor Jim McDavid and Brian Walisser, former Executive Director of Local Government Policy and Research at the Ministry. I ended up as lead author because I have done four editions of *Local Government in British Columbia*, published by the Union of BC Municipalities, and have done other studies of the regional district model here in BC. Many other elected and appointed local government officials also contributed. While our original intent was to update some figures on the costs of elected officials in response to statements by *AmalgamationYes*, when the Fraser Institute offered staff support to do the statistical comparisons and tables, followed by publication of the results, we produced the most thoroughly developed analysis of the governance of local services in a metropolitan area, not only in a regional district, that has been done in Canada.

Our study was done independently of the current Ministry initiative to work with local governments in Greater Victoria to research and assess options for service delivery and governance, but we believe our report sets the background and framework for responses to the current RFP and subsequent studies. We believe you, your mayor and your councillors will be interested in the monograph. As a Fraser Institute publication, it is electronic and free, but its size (84pp) is a big one for home printers and it should be printed double sided for the tables. We hope you are able to have copies printed for your mayor and council, or at minimum, pass on this message so they can download copies for themselves.

We have been concerned that the regional district model is not well understood by residents and even some councillors. Given the interest in governance in Greater Victoria at the present time we hope our work can help improve the understanding of how systems of government that maintain communities while providing for integrated services actually work with the Greater Victoria example. That knowledge will assist everyone to continue the evolution of a local government system that has the potential to be both representative and efficient; an outcome that benefits us all.

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/studies/governing-greater-victoria-the-role-of-elected-officials-and-shared-services>

Thank you,
Robert L. Bish
Professor Emeritus, School of Public Administration
University of Victoria

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