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LETTER: Past time for North Van amalgamation to happen

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Dear Editor:

Kudos to Couns. MacKay-Dunn and Heywood for introducing a motion to study amalgamation.

I was born at Lions Gate Hospital and have been a lifetime North Shore resident. When I was 10 and living in the 700-block east of Lonsdale we moved to the 800-block. I had to change schools from Ridgeway to Keith Lynn "because we now lived in the district." It didn't make any sense to me then and it still doesn't.

I own property in both the city and the district and pay taxes to both. It is annoying to see two sizable, apparently overlapping bureaucracies exist a few blocks from each other.

I'm sure taxpayers would be better off with amalgamation despite some past self-serving statements that there wouldn't be any savings.

I'll be watching the process looking for ways for further input. It's past time for this to happen.

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