Duncan-North Cowichan Citizens' Assembly on Municipal Amalgamation

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We value local government that:

- Is efficient and cost-effective
- Provides quality services and infrastructure
- Promotes public engagement
- Exercises environmental stewardship
- Is collaborative
- Is accessible, accountable and approachable
- Is respectful of local differences

Efficient and cost-effective
We value local government that exercises good fiscal responsibility and applies consistent, forward-thinking and streamlined processes that respect residents' time and money.

Quality services and infrastructure
We value local government that provides quality services and infrastructure that are responsive to current and future needs, cost-effective, highly satisfactory and well understood, and based on best practices that have a measurable impact on the well-being of residents.

Public engagement
We value local government that proactively and regularly engages residents in local governance and decision-making. Good local government fosters public learning, consultation, collaboration and transparency.

Environmental stewardship
We value local government ensures the protection of air, water, wildlife, and green space. It works to enrich our urban, rural and agricultural communities and ensure continued economic and ecological vitality for all.

Collaborative
We value local government that exemplifies an inclusive, non-partisan and collaborative approach to meeting the distinct needs and interests of our many communities.

Accessible, Approach and Accountable
We value local government that is easy to access whether online, by post, in-person or by phone; willing to listen and seriously consider different perspectives in genuine dialogue with constituents; responsive to residents; and committed to providing clear explanations for its decisions.

Respectful of local differences
We value local government that takes care to ensure that local voices, sensibilities, character and communities are preserved, recognized and enhanced.