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AMALGAMATION – Resident Survey
October 26, 2026

Dear Resident:

On March 5, 2026, Town Council held a public information session on amalgamation. Information from that session can be found on the back of this survey, including the Pros and Cons of amalgamation. If you would like to obtain a copy of the full presentation prior to responding to this survey, please email town@stewiacke.net .

The Town of Stewiacke is committed to keeping residents up to date on discussions around amalgamation. Amalgamation, in a Municipal context is the process of joining another Municipal Government. Your household is asked to fill out the following survey by:

Option 1: Drop Survey Off At Town Hall	**Option 2: Respond Online**
Please return your completed survey form to the Town office at 295 George St. Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm or complete the survey online.	Fill out the survey by visiting https://www.stewiacke.net or by scanning the QR code below. **Scan Here**
****THE DEADLINE TO COMPETLE THE SURVEY IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026****	

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QUESTIONS:	
Are you a resident of the Town of Stewiacke?	**YES** **NO**
Please provide your last name.	
Please provide your property tax roll number	
Are you in favor of the Town amalgamating with another municipal unit?	**YES** **NO**
What do you believe would be gained by amalgamation?	
What do you believe would be lost with amalgamation?	

***If you need additional space for comments, please feel free to add additional pages.**

All public input received will be collected and presented to Council in a 'What We Heard Report'.

Pros and Cons of amalgamation may include:

Pros of Amalgamation	Cons of Amalgamation
Increased efficiency: Amalgamation can pool resources to create more efficient services and reduce redundant administrative costs. **Stronger tax base:** A larger, combined municipality may have a stronger tax base, which could lead to more economic growth and better funding for projects like housing and infrastructure. **Improved service delivery:** A single municipality can be better positioned to tackle larger issues, manage projects like infrastructure improvements, and deliver services more effectively. **Reduced competition:** Eliminating competition between municipalities for residents and industry can help create more stable and consistent development within the region.	**Loss of local representation:** Amalgamation can lead to a loss of local representation, as larger merged entities may have fewer councillors. **Higher costs:** Instead of reducing costs, amalgamation can lead to higher costs as the new entity may level up service costs to the most expensive level among the pre-amalgamated units. **Loss of democratic accountability:** A single, larger government can reduce the direct accountability that residents feel to their local representatives. **Complexity and time:** The process of amalgamation is complex and can be lengthy, requiring significant time and effort to complete. **Lack of public information:** Some residents feel that amalgamation is being pushed without sufficient information or public consultation, leading to distrust and concerns about the lasting effects on their communities.