NORTH VANCOUVER REUNIFICATION

> KEY INSIGHTS AND NEXT STEPS
COMBINE blue ribbon committee report, review of literature, and other research & DEVELOP comprehensive research plan & > workable steps < for action to 2018
1 **BIG PICTURE**: understanding municipal amalgamations

2 **LOCAL CONTEXT**: key conclusions for north vancouver

3 **RECOMMENDED RESEARCH PLAN**: 2016-2018
BIG QUESTIONS:

HOW DO WE DECIDE where to draw municipal boundaries?

WHICH SERVICES should local governments provide? To whom?
cities provide... LOCAL, REGIONAL & GLOBAL services

multi-tier government forms help meet these responsibilities
LOCAL CONTEXT

KEY CONCLUSIONS FOR NORTH VANCOUVER
KEY CONCLUSION
#1

significant efficiency gains unlikely
KEY CONCLUSION

#2

service levels likely won’t see dramatic changes
KEY CONCLUSION

#3

major benefits would be planning, transportation
DRAWBACKS

TRANITION COSTS

often underestimated by governments
DRAWBACKS

EQUITY & FAIRNESS

taxation,
fiscal positions,
service levels
democratic functioning, accountability and responsiveness
RECOMMENDED RESEARCH PLAN 2016-2018
1. Abbotsford-Matsqui Case Study

- Establishes context for North Vancouver merger
- Identifies key reasons for success
RESEARCH PLAN

2 services evaluation

> identifies missing organizational linkages
> examines overlaps and services levels
3 financial metrics investigation

- helps to clarify contentious issues
- may have accuracy concerns without city participation
RESEARCH PLAN

4 citizen engagement

- helps clarify citizens’ attitudes towards local government
- builds consensus
RESEARCH PLAN

timelines

- Abbotsford-Matsqui Study | 2016 (Q1)
- Services Evaluation | 2016 (Q2-3)
- Financial Metrics | 2017
- Citizen Engagement | 2018