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July 31, 2024

Dear Members,

As the Presidents of the ElderActive Recreation Association (ERA), Golden Age Society (GAS) and Yukon Council on Aging (YOCA), we are writing to update you on progress toward a decision to join or not to join our three organizations.

AMALGAMATION? IT'S YOUR DECISION

Only the members of each organization will decide whether to amalgamate or not. It is not a Board decision or a government decision to amalgamate. It is a members decision. If one organization votes against amalgamation, it won't happen.

- **HOW DID WE GET HERE?**

A team of consultants were hired to explore the possibility of amalgamation. They prepared A Feasibility Study, which was completed in May of 2023. It was followed by a Proposed Amalgamation Plan that was presented to the members on June 5, 2024. Both are very large documents and are available online on our websites or from the office of each organization. Paper copies are available upon request.

- **THE PROPOSAL**

We urge you to read these online documents if you have computer access. If not, we urge you to contact your organization for more information about these documents. There is no plan to decrease programs, services or office space.

- **NEXT STEPS**

By August 9, 2024, each of the three boards will have met to formulate their position on amalgamation. Once that decision is made, each board will share its position on amalgamation with its own members. We realize that many of you are members of more than one organization so board positions will quickly circulate to all members.

- **The VOTE**

Members will be given the opportunity to express their views by voting on October 10, 2024. The proposed question(s) or Special Resolution(s) that members would be voting on must first be approved by each organization's board of directors, and this will then be shared with you. Each organization must follow its own bylaws when voting takes place.

The logistics of how and where the voting will take place will be made available at a later date.

Thank you very much for reading this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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