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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
Notice of a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 11:00 am
in the Board Room, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

4. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

4.1 Biosolids Energy Centre Siting Process - Public Consultation Interim Summary Report

- a) *That the Interim Public Consultation Summary Report be received;* (NWA)
- b) *That the Viewfield Road site no longer be considered as an option for the Biosolids Energy Centre; and*
(WP – Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, View Royal)
- b) *That the full consultation report, including verbatim comments, be presented to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee and Board at a later date.* (NWA)

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

- *That the Board close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90 (1) (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Item 2.2.1); (m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting (Item 2.2.2); 90 (2) (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the regional district and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Item 2.1.1).* (NWA)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Voting Key:

NWA - Non-weighted vote of all Directors

WA - Weighted vote of all Directors

NWP - Non-weighted vote of participants (as listed)

WP - Weighted vote of participants (as listed)



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**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013**

SUBJECT **Biosolids Energy Centre Siting Process - Public Consultation
Interim Summary Report**

ISSUE

To provide the Board of Directors with an update regarding the Biosolids Energy Centre (BEC) Siting Process public consultation.

BACKGROUND

Attached is an Interim Public Consultation Summary Report based on the public open houses and online engagement completed from June 17 – 27, 2013 within the region. The final Public Consultation Summary Report was tentatively scheduled to come forward to a special Committee of the Whole meeting at the end of July with consideration on the preferred BEC site anticipated by the Board at their August meeting. In light of the level of community interest in the siting options, the CALWM Committee has directed staff to bring forward an interim report to the July 3 Special Board meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a) That the Interim Public Consultation Summary Report be received;
b) That the Viewfield Road site no longer be considered as an option for the Biosolids Energy Centre; and
c) That the full consultation report including verbatim comments be presented to the CALWM Committee and Board at a later date.

2. a) That Interim Public Consultation Summary Report be received;
b) That staff proceed with scheduling a special meeting Committee of the Whole meeting in July to bring forward the final Public Consultation Summary Report with the opportunity for delegations to be heard prior to making a recommendation on the preferred BEC site.

RECOMMENDATION

1. a) That the Interim Public Consultation Summary Report be received;
b) That the Viewfield Road site no longer be considered as an option for the Biosolids Energy Centre; and
c) That the full consultation report including verbatim comments be presented to the CALWM Committee and Board at a later date.

Capital Regional District Board – July 3, 2013
Biosolids Energy Centre Siting Process – Public Consultation Interim Summary Report 2



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Attachments: Interim Public Consultation Summary Report

Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program

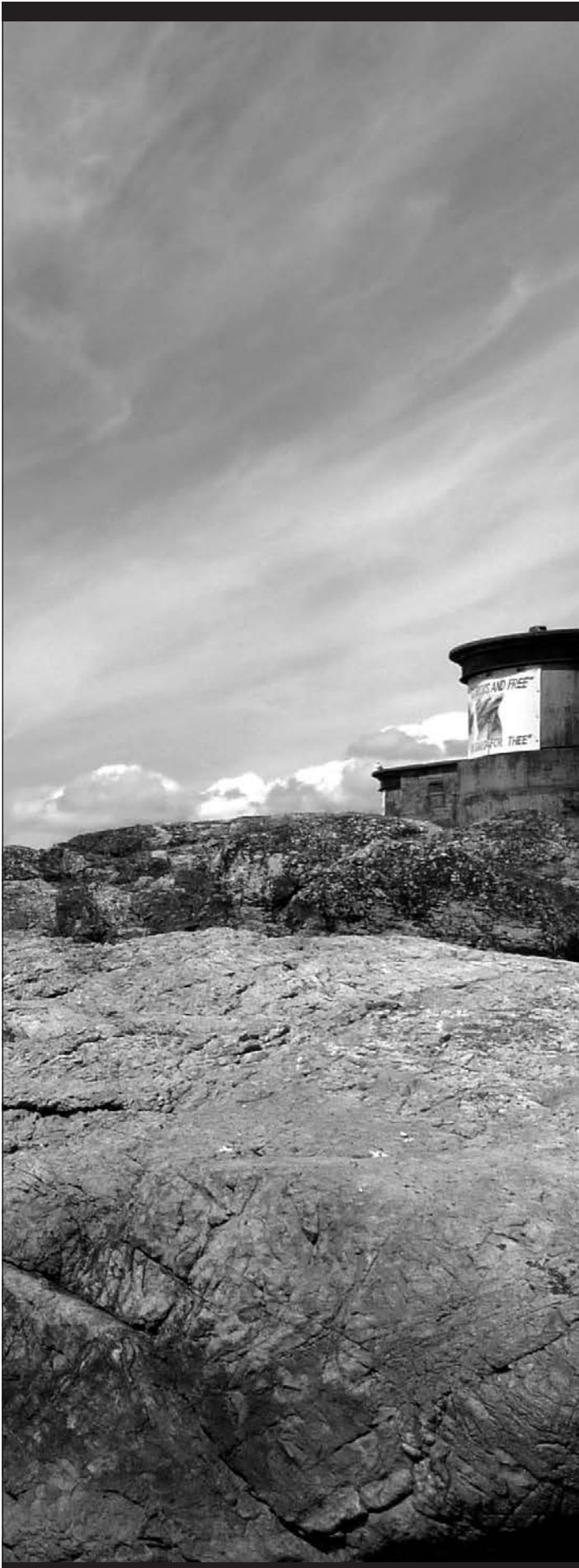
Interim Public Consultation Summary Report

BIOSOLIDS ENERGY CENTRE SITE SELECTION

CRD

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This report serves as an interim summary of the key findings of the public consultation program for the potential selection of an alternative site for the Biosolids Energy Centre (BEC).

Overview of the Process

The BEC is one of the major components of the CRD Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan that was approved by the Minister of Environment and will serve the municipalities of Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, View Royal, Colwood and Langford

The site selection process included two candidate sites, the Hartland Landfill North site currently approved in the Liquid Waste Management Plan, and the alternative Viewfield Road Site purchased by the CRD to allow it to be considered as a potential alternative site.

As part of the process of bringing forward a potential alternative site for the BEC, a public consultation program was initiated to determine the degree of public support for the two candidate sites. Eight Open Houses were held across the Core area from June 17 through June 27 together with a complementary on-line information and feedback opportunity.

A significant advertising campaign was launched two weeks ahead of the Open Houses to inform the community and residents of the sessions, using both paid print and radio advertising. The Open House information was available on the CRD website as well. Media releases were issued and social media was utilized to inform the public about the sessions.

The purpose of the Open Houses was to inform and educate residents about the overall wastewater treatment program and the BEC facilities, also to provide information and resources on the candidate sites, the benefits and challenges of the two sites and the overall cost comparison.

Residents were invited to ask staff questions, fill out a feedback form, either in paper form at the events or online through the CRD website, in order to help the CRD Board make a decision on the best location for the BEC.

Overall Summary of the Issues Expressed

While the process of tabulating the feedback forms is not complete, feedback received at the Open Houses and from the online forms can be summarized by the following observations:

- Of those participating residents from Esquimalt, Victoria West and the Burnside George area, almost all oppose the Viewfield Road location for both general and specific reasons, and by their responses they are adamant in their opposition to the siting of the proposed facility in their neighborhood. Strong community opposition was captured in a protest march by over 200 people at the session on Monday, June 24th.
- There was a very minimal participation rate from other Core area municipalities and of those participating residents, the majority also opposed the Viewfield Road location.
- Overall, most of those participating in the consultation did not perceive that any potential benefit in economic or environmental criteria outweighed the perceived social disadvantages of locating the facility near a residential community.

The more general and overarching concerns include:

- Issues of fairness to the Township of Esquimalt in hosting both the major wastewater facilities.
- Concern about how the CRD made the decision to purchase the site
- Comment on the organization structure of the CRD Board decision making process.
- Criticism of display materials, information and the decision making process.

Specific more detailed feedback included:

- Concern about property values and proximity to residential neighbourhoods and schools.
- Taxation loss to the Township of Esquimalt.
- Safety concerns about the facilities, including the risk of fire or an explosion.
- Traffic, noise and dust during construction.
- Odour control and noise during the ongoing operations.

Other views and considerations:

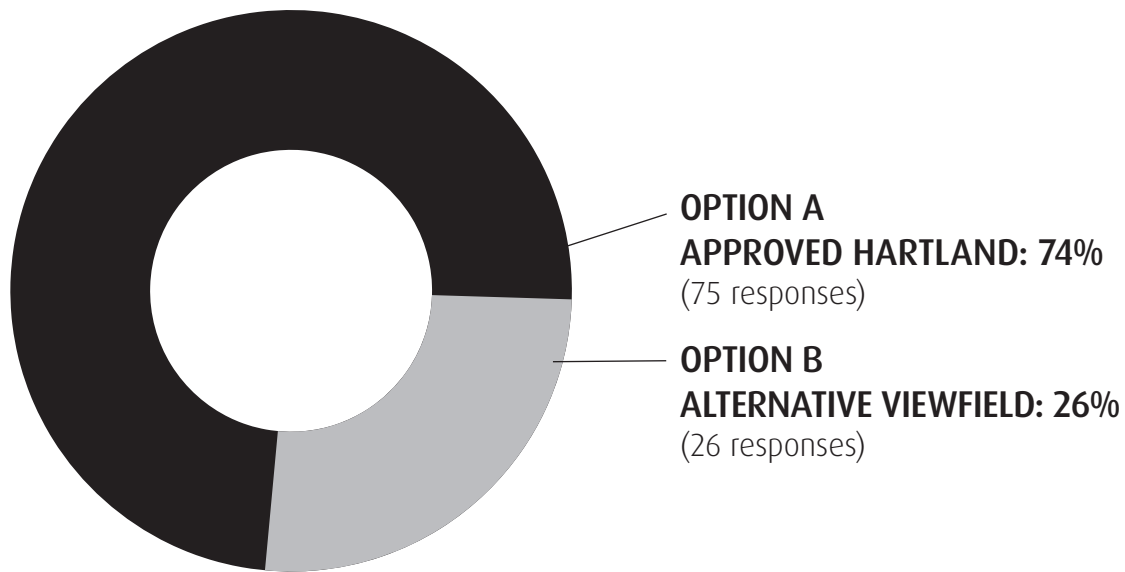
While the views opposed to the Viewfield site are strong, clear and articulate there are also other voices that are important to capture in the report.

The community around Willis Point has raised concerns about the potential location of the BEC at Hartland Landfill. While a public open house was held at the Willis Point Community Hall, a special information meeting was held at the request of the Willis Point Community Association with electoral area Director Hicks to further inform residents of the process. The potential for groundwater contamination and traffic during construction were the main concerns expressed by Willis Point residents.

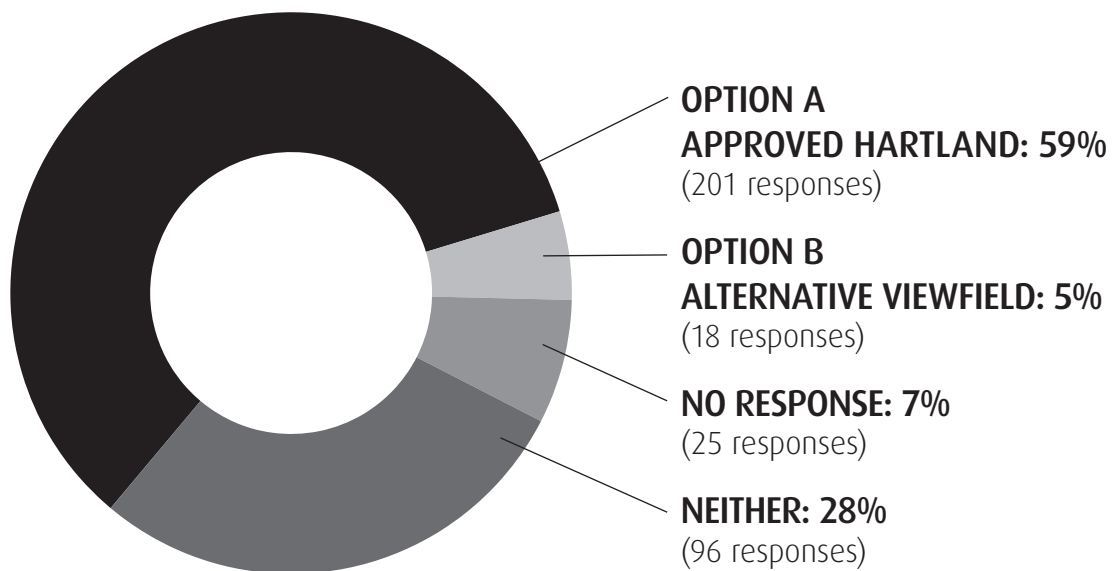
There continues to be voices in opposition to the need for secondary sewage treatment for our region and opposition to the plan and the sites that have been approved by the province in the Liquid Waste Management Plan Amendment 8.

Please indicate your preferred site for the Biosolids Energy Centre?

ONLINE FEEDBACK (101 responses*)



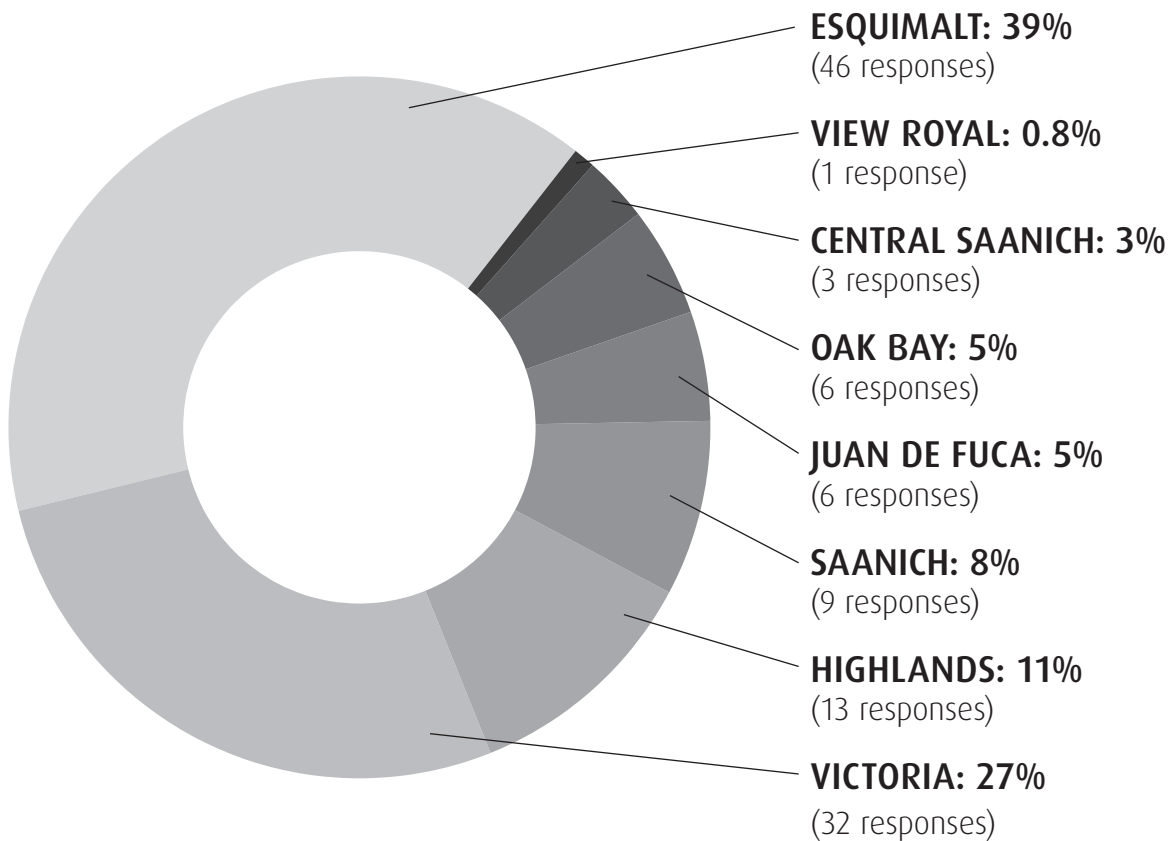
IN PERSON FEEDBACK (340 responses*)



*Feedback numbers do not necessarily represent one response per person. Response was not required for all questions.

Where do you reside in the CRD?

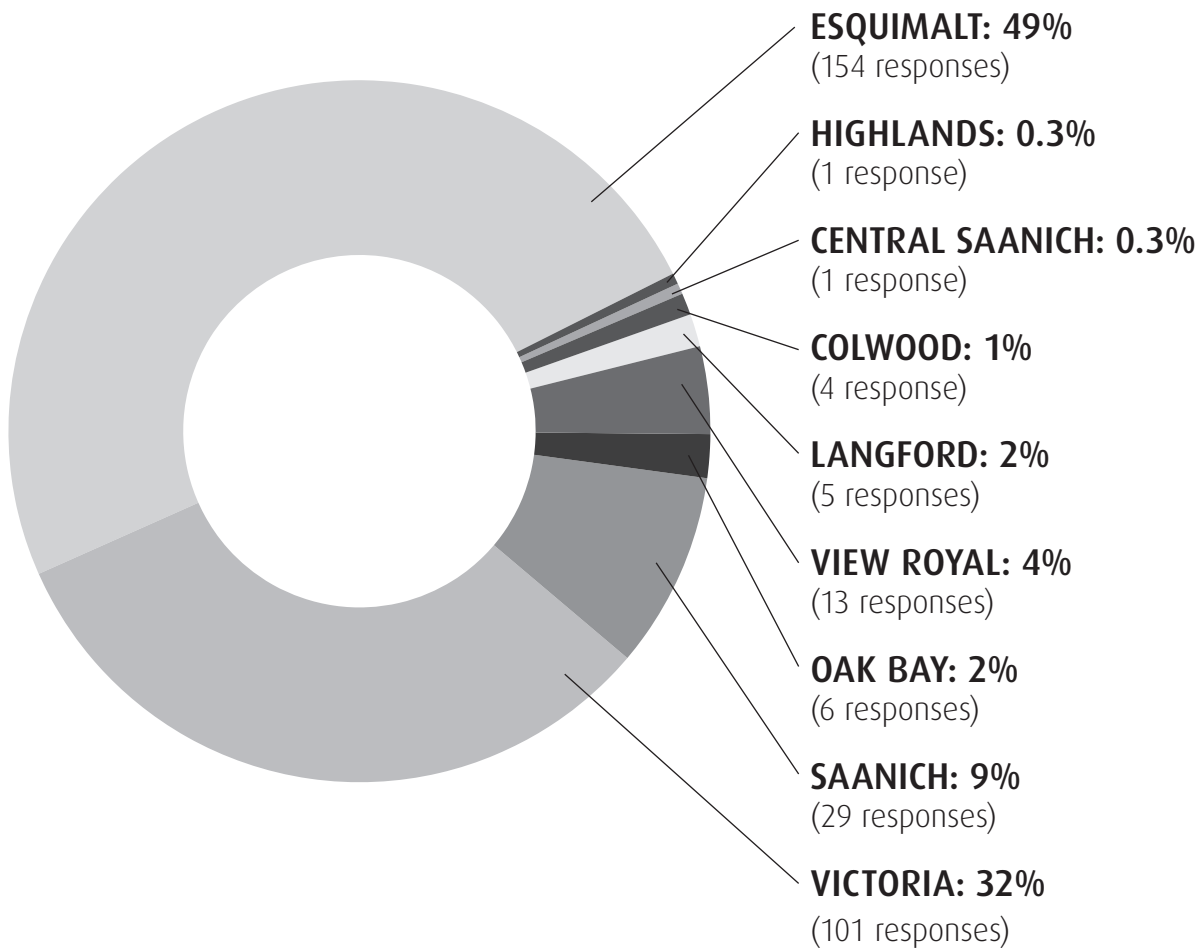
ONLINE FEEDBACK (118 responses*)



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Where do you reside in the CRD?

IN PERSON FEEDBACK (314 responses**)



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Public Open Houses - Sample Advertisements

PRINT AD

Capital Regional District	
<p>Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program Notice of Public Consultations: Biosolids Siting</p>	
<p>The Capital Regional District invites you to a Public Open House in your community, to comment on the potential Biosolids Energy Centre siting.</p>	
<p>Come and learn more about the various components of the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program, biosolids digestion process, and the two biosolids sites being considered. The CALWMC would like to receive public input on the preferred site and the criteria that will be used to evaluate them. Plan to attend any of these public consultations and share your comments with us.</p>	
<p>Eight open houses have been scheduled throughout the Core Area:</p>	
<p><u>Esquimalt - Royal Canadian Esquimalt Legion</u> 622 Admirals Road Monday, June 17, 2013 from 4 - 8 pm</p>	
<p><u>Saanich - Greek Community Hall</u> 4648 Elk Lake Drive Tuesday, June 18, 2013 from 4 - 8 pm</p>	
<p><u>Esquimalt - Royal Canadian Esquimalt Legion</u> 622 Admirals Road Wednesday, June 19, 2013 from 4 - 8 pm</p>	
<p><u>Saanich/Juan de Fuca - Willis Point Community Hall</u> 6933 Willis Point Road Thursday, June 20, 2013 from 4 - 8 pm</p>	
<p><u>Victoria - Burnside Gorge Community Centre</u> 471 Cecelia Road, Activity Centre Monday, June 24, 2013 from 4 - 8 pm</p>	
<p><u>Oak Bay - Windsor Pavilion</u> 2451 Windsor Road, Sports Room Tuesday, June 25, 2013 from 4 - 8 pm</p>	
<p><u>Westshore - Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre</u> 1767 Island Highway, Lookout Lounge Wednesday, June 26, 2013 from 4 - 8 pm</p>	
<p><u>Victoria West - Da Vinci Centre</u> 195 Bay Street, Upper Hall Thursday, June 27, 2013 from 5 - 8 pm</p>	
<p>For more information, please visit www.crd.bc.ca/cawtp or call 250.360.3002.</p>	

RADIO SCRIPT

"The Capital Regional District invites you to a Public Open House in your community, to comment on the potential Biosolids Energy Centre siting. Happening June 17th to 27th (now-thru-June 27th) whether you live in Saanich, Esquimalt, the Westshore, Oak Bay or Victoria, don't miss your chance, to have your say. For more information, on all aspects being considered, and to find the nearest upcoming meeting, visit [crd dot bc dot ca slash cawtp](http://www.crd.bc.ca/cawtp)"



Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program

Public Consultation Interim Summary Report

JUNE 27TH, 2013 | CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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