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**REPORT TO CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2009**

**SUBJECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, CORE AREA WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PROJECT**

PURPOSE

To update the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) on the community engagement framework for the wastewater treatment project.

SUMMARY

The community engagement framework (Appendix A) provides the overarching direction for public participation.

This framework is connected to key CALWMC decision making points and staff will bring forward reports to the committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee receive this report for information.

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COMMENTS

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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CORE AREA WASTEWATER PROJECT

The community engagement framework has four pillars which are built upon the following objectives the CALWMC has endorsed:

- accountable and transparent
- inclusively facilitated opportunities
- community's need and desire to be involved
- outreach to find the "silent" community voices
- ongoing public education and information dissemination

Educational and Information

The first pillar is centred on education and information in the form of the open houses, the insert of March 25th and any future educational activities that take place.

Objectives:

- Outreach to raise community awareness
- Education to gain a common understanding

Details: Open Houses from March 30 to April 8, 2009 in 7 locations across the core area

Community Dialogues

The second pillar is centred on creating opportunities for the community to develop their triple bottom line principles which can be applied in the CALWMC's decision making process.

Objectives:

- To facilitate community 'conversations' where the community identifies and develops their triple bottom line (economic, social and environmental) principles
- Residents will have their voices heard through small group exercises in 5 locations with 2 - 1 hour structured sessions scheduled for each location and are stretched across the 4-8pm range to catch the daily routines of resident (5-6pm) and (7-8pm)
- Other opportunities (high schools, recreation centres, senior's homes and Chamber of Commerce) have been identified. Staff will go to the community with the same 1 hour structured dialogue.
- This pillar in the Community Engagement Framework is reflective of public participation techniques.

Details:

- 5 locations with each hosting 2 - 1 hour structured sessions starting April 15 until April 22, 2009.
- Other opportunities to go to the community are currently being identified and all the input will be gathered and incorporated into the Community Validations and reports back to the CALWMC.

Community Validations

The community will be confirming their one set of triple bottom line principles.

The third pillar is a critical step in the framework in that, it's a validation point for the community of the collective outcomes of the workshops and other activities that took place.

Objectives:

- The results on all the community dialogues and activities will be reported back to the community and this is an opportunity to confirm the one set of triple bottom line principles
- During an informal environment much like an open house setting, residents will have an opportunity to share their comments on individual worksheets.
- This pillar in the Community Engagement Framework is reflective of public consultation techniques.

Details:

- There will be 3 locations for Community Dialogues across the core area.

Neighbourhood Based Workshops

The fourth pillar have will two steps in which residents will be engaged in interactive workshops about siting, design and fit for a facility in their neighbourhood.

Objectives:

- The Community Triple Bottom Line Principles will be applied through interactive and hands on exercises to create a genuine environment of discussions among residents and to build some degree of consensus of how to move forward on issues.
- This pillar in the Community Engagement Framework is reflective of engagement techniques.

Details:

- Once a decision has been made by the CALWMC on May 27, 2009 as to what the system direction will take, staff will be prepared to engage the Saanich community on siting starting in the beginning of June. (Step 1 of the Neighbourhood Based Workshops)
- It is anticipated that it will take the month of June for staff to gather community's input and will have a report to the July 8th CALWMC.
- The workshop for design, fit and community benefits will not occur until the end of August and into September. (Step 2 of the Neighbourhood Based Workshops)

Upcoming key report dates on community engagement for CALWMC:

- The Community's Triple Bottom Line Principles on May 13th
- Summary report on all the community engagement activities on May 27th
- A report regarding the community input on sites within an approved system on July 8th