



**REPORT TO CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2009**

SUBJECT **COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES DEVELOPED THROUGH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –
CORE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT**

PURPOSE

To update the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) on the community principles developed through public participation for the core area wastewater treatment project.

SUMMARY

The community principles and key themes (Attachment A) were developed through a series of community dialogues held across the core area municipalities.

The community dialogues (Attachment B) were designed to be open and accessible so that any resident living in any municipality involved in the project could attend any session. In order to maintain integrity for the community engagement process the format of each session was exactly the same and all public input was gathered with the utmost respect.

A key focus for staff during the community dialogues was to reach into the community to engage the 'silent voices' and staff connected with residents of all ages. Further information on the process will form part of the report to the CALWMC on 27 May 2009.

The community principles were then developed and confirmed by the public through community validations sessions held May 4 through May 10 (Attachment C). The public did suggest changes which were incorporated into the final community principles document.

As previously reported, a comprehensive community engagement report which will include documentation of the process and the survey results will be submitted to the CALWMC on 27 May 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Concurrence

COMMENTS

Attachments: 3

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Community Principles For Validation



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<i>Community Developed Principles</i>	<i>A Summary of Representative Themes and Comments from which the Principles Evolved</i>
Equity and Pride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful showcase project will enhance and strengthen our community pride and reputation at every stage • A need to balance this project against the need for other essential social services and infrastructure • Strict attention paid to any growing gap in household incomes and the hardship this project will create for some (seniors and people on fixed incomes) • A transparent process for managing the project now and in the future • An equitable cost sharing process, along with sharing of any benefits, across the core area municipalities
Awareness and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more and better educational materials, so that there is a widespread and inclusive public understanding of the project and related issues • Incorporate opportunities for educational purposes, work collaboratively with community groups and schools • Build more public awareness on environmental issues so that attitudes, and resulting behaviours, can change over time and encourage more personal responsibility • Informational materials available on all issues and presented in an unbiased manner
Respect for the Community Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the facility(ies) is aesthetically designed and acceptable to fit into neighbourhoods, residents directly involved in facility design • Limit impact to adjacent homeowners and businesses • Stringent monitoring and limit the noise or smell impact from facility(ies) • Incorporate attractive amenities into the design of the facility(ies) such as, public art opportunities, community space either recreational or educational



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Value and Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for public confidence in knowing their money is being well spent while achieving optimum efficiencies in the treatment process • To use the necessary resources in the most efficient way now to ensure the development of the best possible treatment • Maximize opportunities to generate revenues from resource recovery in a responsible fiscal manner • Thoroughly examine creative public financing opportunities such as metered pay use or borrowing practices
Accountable and Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open, transparent and accountable governance and management of the project is paramount • The need to ensure the larger public's interest is incorporated into every decision in the project • The need for the public to understand the full costs of the project meaning: capital and operating, now and in the future • Clearly understand the negative financial impacts to residents and communicate them honestly
A Long Term Economic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to ensure the project is integrated into the overall growth of municipalities, using a planned and holistic development approach • A commitment to build a strong economic future rather than one that is debt ridden • An overall efficient system that has minimal property tax impacts for residents at both the regional and municipal level • Ensure the economic benefits are real from resource recovery and that any benefits come back to the community • Plan today with a vision for tomorrow, that is sufficiently flexible to accommodate future opportunities



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<p>Ensure Environmental Best Practices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate multifaceted resource recovery technologies such as heat, energy, water and all in the most effective and efficient manner possible • Reduction, reuse and conservation of water at all stages of the project and for everyone in the community to embrace and practice • Develop from the outset, safe and acceptable environmental disposal practices of sludge and biosolids • Limit and monitor contamination controls, work collaboratively with municipalities to ensure compliance
<p>Protect and Reduce Long Term Environmental Impact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stringent and effective source control at every level (household, business, municipal and regional) • Necessary to remove contaminants and toxins during treatment processes • Upfront monitoring and unbiased assessment of all environmental impacts on biodiversity, oceans, mammals and animals and public health to ensure limited environmental impact • Ensure the carbon footprint of the facility(ies) respect and respond to the environmental impacts it creates in its surroundings
<p>Demonstrate "Green" Leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All components of the project meaning: construction, technology, operations, should be done in the "greenest" manner possible • Build in flexibility to ensure maximizing of future opportunities • Integrate support for local research and use of innovative and leading edge technologies for treatment and resource recovery • Build widespread community support and political will in leadership meaning: "walk the talk"



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Repetitive Key Themes that were Heard, in No Order of Priority:

- Equal weighting and respect for each component (economic, social, environmental) of the triple bottom line and the need to make a balanced decision
- Balance the cost and magnitude of this project against all the other valued and important community needs (hospitals, transportation, etc.)
- Honest community consultation and buy-in at all stages of the project
- The will and need, both politically and in the community, for us to be exemplary leaders with this project
- To be adaptive enough to embrace future opportunities
- The need for more effective and local source control programs at the CRD, municipal and personal levels
- A community desire to have locally built, publicly owned and managed treatment facility(ies)
- To incorporate resource recovery in a strategic and well thought out way, not necessarily out of a rushed need
- For the overall project to take a phased implementation approach for a variety of reasons

Challenges Expressed by the Community:

- Concern was reinforced over the unnecessary need for treatment, for scientific reasons, seen as an unfair provincially mandated decision
- There were equal numbers of residents expressing frustration that this entire process is taking too long and similarly, equal numbers of residents feeling rushed into making a decision
- The need for educational material to be in all forms (web based and printed) for inclusion purposes

Opportunities Expressed by the Community:

- Educational opportunities on all fronts was raised the most by residents, along with the desire to create community based and intergenerational partnerships
- The need and opportunity to reduce our collective carbon footprint and act progressively and innovatively
- Explore and encourage more ways for residents to become personally responsible for their actions
- The Community Dialogue and Validations format provided a positive experience which allowed and supported resident to resident conversations to occur, heard this in all sessions

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Community Dialogues Wastewater Treatment Project

What is your triple bottom line ?

The Capital Regional District invites you to attend hour-long community dialogues where you can tell us what values and principles should be reflected in the decision making process for the Wastewater Treatment Project.

These one-hour interactive community dialogues will include small group exercises and facilitated discussions which will be used to develop our community's social, environmental and economic bottom line for wastewater treatment in our region.

Everybody has a say.

West Shore

Lookout Lounge, West Shore Recreation Centre,
1767 Island Highway

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Dialogue Sessions: 5 pm or 7 pm

Oak Bay

Windsor Pavillion, 2451 Windsor Road

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Dialogue Sessions: 5 pm or 7 pm

Esquimalt

Crowsnest Room, Archie Browning Sports
Centre, 527 Fraser Street

Monday, April 20, 2009

Dialogue Sessions: 5 pm or 7 pm

Victoria

Fairfield Activity Centre (New Horizons),
380 Cook Street

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Dialogue Sessions: 5 pm or 7 pm

Saanich

Michelle Pujol Room, Student Union Building,
University of Victoria, 3800 Finnerty Road

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Dialogue Sessions: 5 pm or 7 pm

For more information, please visit
www.wastewatertreatmentclear.ca
or call 250.360.3001.

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Notice of Community Validations Wastewater Treatment Project

We want to hear from you.

You are invited to learn about the wastewater treatment project and comment on the collective set of community values and principles – your environmental, social and economic triple bottom line – which has been developed based on what we have heard from residents at our open houses, community dialogues and through our website.

This set of community values and principles will be used in the decision making process for the wastewater treatment project in our region. Have we heard from you?

Everybody has a say.

Victoria
Fairfield Activity Centre (New Horizons)
380 Cook Street
Monday, May 4, 2009
5 pm to 8 pm

West Shore
Upstairs at the Station House Pub
737 Goldstream Avenue
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
5 pm to 8 pm

Saanich
Lower Hall, Gordon Head United Church
4201 Tyndall Avenue
Thursday, May 7, 2009
5 pm to 8 pm

