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Report #EHQ 09-69

**INFORMATION REPORT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND
CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2009**

**SUBJECT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO EXPLORE THE
FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT'S SOLID
AND LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

BACKGROUND

The Environment Committee, at its meeting of 24 June 2009, received staff report #09-65, Infrastructure Planning Grant Application to Explore the Feasibility of Consolidating the Capital Regional District's Solid and Liquid Waste Management Plans, and endorsed forwarding the report to the joint Environment Committee-Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee meeting.

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FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATING THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT'S SOLID
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PURPOSE

To obtain endorsement of a planning grant application to the Ministry of Community Development infrastructure planning grant program to explore the feasibility of consolidating the Capital Regional District's (CRD) solid and liquid waste management plans.

BACKGROUND

Liquid and solid waste are managed by the CRD through two separate liquid waste management plans and one solid waste management plan. Potential opportunities exist by approaching waste management planning in an integrated way. A holistic approach to planning waste management may offer many benefits to the Capital Region, including optimization of resource recovery, overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiencies and a reduction in overall infrastructure investment.

The Ministry of Community Development infrastructure planning grant program offers an opportunity to explore how an integrated perspective could be reflected in the CRD's official liquid and solid waste management plans.

Objectives of this study include an assessment of integrating the CRD's liquid and solid waste management plans including potential opportunities, barriers and challenges, a review of legislation that would affect the development of an integrated plan, presentation of a table of contents of what an integrated plan would look like and recommendations on next steps.

An application for the planning grant has been submitted electronically; however, the province requires the support of the CRD Board before the application will be formally considered.

ALTERNATIVES

That the Environment Committee:

1. recommend to the Board that it endorse an application for \$10,000 to the Ministry of Community Development infrastructure planning grant program to explore the feasibility of consolidating the CRD's solid and liquid waste management plans, and that a further \$10,000 for the project be funded from the 2009 solid waste budget.
2. That the Environment Committee not endorse the planning grant application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for this scope of work is \$20,000. Under the infrastructure planning grant program, up to \$10,000 would be available from the province for this work, the remainder to be funded from the 2009 solid waste budget.

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SUMMARY

An Infrastructure Planning Grant to explore the feasibility of consolidating the CRD's liquid and solid waste management plans has been submitted electronically to the Ministry of Community Development. This grant application requires CRD Board approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment Committee recommend to the Board that:

1. it endorse the application for \$10,000 to the Ministry of Community Development infrastructure planning grant program to explore the feasibility of consolidating the CRD's solid and liquid waste management plans; and
2. a further \$10,000 for the project be funded from the 2009 solid waste budget.

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COMMENTS

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