



**REPORT TO CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2009**

**SUBJECT REFERRED MOTIONS FROM CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF 02 JUNE AND 10 JUNE 2009**

PURPOSE

To provide information to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) on several motions referred to staff during CALWMC meetings of 02 June and 10 June 2009.

BACKGROUND

Motion from Director Desjardins

During the CALWMC meeting of 02 June 2009, the following motion was moved by Director Desjardins and referred to staff for comment:

MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Derman, that staff not proceed with implementing design or procurement of design or construction or procurement of construction until:

- 1) A plan for sewage treatment has been submitted to the Province;
- 2) The committee and Board have seen a written response from the Province and the Federal Government indicating the level of financial support they will provide;
- 3) Staff have recalculated and submitted a cost analysis with the revised level of support and the Committee and Board have approved it; and
- 4) A method of cost sharing has been agreed by the municipalities and approved by the Board.

MOVED by Alternate Director Hunter, SECONDED by Director Herbert, that consideration of the above motion be postponed pending a report from staff on the implications of the motion.

It is anticipated that the business case, which is critical for both levels of government, will be submitted in late fall 2009. Both federal and provincial governments have committed funding to the planning process of the Core Area Wastewater Management program (the "program"). This is the first time the federal government has participated in planning a project to be funded under the Building Canada Fund.

The planning phase of the project should conclude in the spring of 2010 at approximately the same time we expect to receive feedback from both the provincial and federal governments regarding the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) amendment and the business plan, which includes funding commitment for capital construction. Therefore, it would be appropriate, should the CALWMC desire, not to proceed beyond the planning phase of the program until the funding commitment from both levels of government is known. A motion from the CALWMC reflecting that decision is generally what Director Desjardin has suggested in her motion, as the design phase follows the planning phase.

Motion from Director Derman

A motion distributed at the CALWMC meeting of 02 June 2009 by Director Derman stated:

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MOVED by Director Derman, SECONDED by Director Hill:

- 1) That the Core Area Liquid Waste Committee (Core Area Committee) of the Capital Regional District firmly commits to proceeding with sewage treatment for the Core Area;
- 2) That as a “show of good faith” and pending funding from senior levels of government, the Core Area Committee commits to the construction of two pilot resource recovery, water management plants – one in Saanich East/North Oak Bay and one in the western communities – as quickly as is feasible;
- 3) That the Core Area Committee commits to working with the Province and other CRD committees and departments to develop an integrated waste management plan for the entire waste stream based around the principles of zero waste and integrated resource recovery;
- 4) That such an integrated waste management plan should provide the best possible environmental and financial outcomes for residents of the region;
- 5) That the Core Area Committee undertakes to submit to the Board a statement supporting the development of a regional sustainability vision in which integrated waste management will be nested;
- 6) That the Core Area Committee supports the development of implementation plans stemming from that vision.

MOVED by Alternate Director Hunter, SECONDED by Director Derman, that consideration of the above motion be postponed pending a report from staff on the implications of the motion.

Item one is the intent of the action of the CALWMC.

With respect to item two, Capital Regional District (CRD) staff are proceeding with the siting of a plant in Saanich East-North Oak Bay at the direction of the CALWMC. In the west shore, the direction of the CALWMC has been for staff to meet with the administrators and engineers from Langford and Colwood to discuss sewage treatment in the west shore. The first meeting is scheduled for 24 June 2009.

In reference to items three through six, the CALWMC is already committed to an integrated plan where it makes sense, for example, sending local source-separated solid waste organics to a local wastewater anaerobic digester for processing. There may also be integration in a future thermal reduction facility.

These items will be reflected in the business case being prepared by Ernst and Young.

Motion from Alternate Director Cullington

At the CALWMC meeting of 10 June 2009, the following motion was moved by Alternate Director Cullington:

MOVED by Alternate Director Cullington, SECONDED by Director Derman, that no further land acquisition or implementation expenditures occur until we have clear written direction from federal and provincial governments that they will support and will fund their one-third share of project costs.

MOVED by Director Brice, SECONDED by Director Hill, that the motion on the floor be referred to staff to report back in the total package that is coming forward on related matters.

The suggested resolution for the program not to proceed beyond the planning phase would address the implementation expenditure component of this motion. As for land acquisition, all land purchase is subject

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to approvals of the CALWMC and the CRD Board of Directors. It would be prudent to allow any consideration of land acquisition on the particular merit of the individual purchase.

The minister of environment's directive is to have siting identified by the end of December 2009, therefore property acquisition may be required prior to that time. It is important to note that usually property acquisition is not cost-shared by either the provincial or the federal government.

SUMMARY

The provincial and federal governments are cost-sharing in the planning phase of the Core Area Wastewater Management program. It is anticipated that the business case, which is required for the funding requests beyond the planning phase, will be submitted to both governments in late fall 2009. A response should be received prior to completion of the planning phase, expected in spring 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee advise the provincial and federal governments, by letter, that no further work beyond the planning phase will be undertaken on the Core Area Wastewater Management program until a response is received from both governments regarding a funding commitment for the procurement and capital construction phase of the program.

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COMMENTS

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