



**REPORT TO CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2010**

**SUBJECT COMMONWEALTH LEGACY FUND LANDS – CORE AREA WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PROGRAM**

ISSUE

To confirm that the lands owned by the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the District of Saanich bounded by Finnerty Road, Arbutus Road and Haro Road are not part of the Commonwealth Legacy Fund Lands.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 13 October 2010, the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee received a presentation from a member from the public under agenda item 4, Delegations/Presentations. The presentation indicated that the lands bounded by Finnerty Road, Arbutus Road and Haro Road were subject to the conditions set out in the Commonwealth Legacy Fund.

The attached memo from Westland Resource Group provides a summary of the work that was completed as part of the siting process. This memo provides a clear understanding of the lands in the area and confirms that the CRD and District of Saanich property in this area are not part of the Commonwealth Legacy Fund Lands.

CONCLUSION

The lands owned by the CRD and the District of Saanich in the area bounded by Finnerty Road, Arbutus Road and Haro Road are not subject to the conditions outlined in the Commonwealth Legacy Fund Lands. This legacy fund only applies to the land in this area that is owned by the University of Victoria.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Memorandum

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TO: Jack Hull and Tony Brcic
FROM: David Harper and Tara Lindsay
DATE: October 19, 2010
REGARDING: Commonwealth Nature Legacy Fund lands

Jack and Tony,

This memo responds to Debra Dickson's submission to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee on October 13, 2010, during which she distributed her June 9, 2010 letter and an undated provincial document regarding the Commonwealth Nature Legacy program.

Westland was aware of the Commonwealth Nature Legacy program early in the site selection process in Saanich East-North Oak Bay. We obtained the same provincial report attached to Ms. Dickson's letter. During our extensive discussions with Neil Connelly, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability and Kristi Simpson, Associate Vice-President Financial Planning and Operations at the University of Victoria, and staff at the District of Saanich, we confirmed that the University of Victoria-owned parcel in Haro Woods was transferred to the university from the province (via the District of Saanich) through the Commonwealth Nature Legacy program. A restrictive covenant was subsequently placed on the property in accordance with the intended purpose of the program. The restrictive covenant is mentioned on page 79 of the *Comparative Environmental and Social Review: Saanich East-North Oak Bay Wastewater Treatment Facility Sites* (July 2009). The UVic-owned parcel is the only parcel in the Saanich East-North Oak Bay study area related to the Commonwealth Nature Legacy program.

Page three of the provincial report describes the property as "1.45 ha" and "adjacent to the University of Victoria". The total area of the portion of Haro Woods between Finnerty Road and Haro Road (the CRD, Saanich, and UVic lots) is 8.78 ha. The CRD, Saanich, and UVic properties are 4.39 ha, 2.94 ha, and 1.45 ha respectively. The "Haro Woods" referred to in the provincial report only applies to the University of Victoria parcel, not the entire area.