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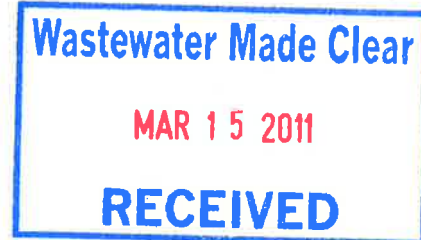
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March 14, 2011

Geoff Young, Chair
Capital Regional District Board &
Denise Blackwell, Chair, CALWMC
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Victoria, BC V8W 2S6



Dear Mr. Young & Ms. Blackwell:

Re: Public Forum on Community Benefits

On March 7, 2011 Esquimalt Council received a letter dated February 11, 2011 from the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee. The letter was in response to our request that before a decision is made by the CRD Board, an opportunity for public input be provided in Esquimalt regarding expectations with respect to mitigation and community benefits packages for the siting of the wastewater treatment plant at McLoughlin Point.

The CRD's public consultation strategy states the CRD has a strong commitment to open communications on this major waste water treatment initiative and will continue to be diligent in providing an open and transparent communication and consultation process. In our letter we cited two examples of where the CRD ensured public consultation was a key part of the planning process: three Open Houses and three Neighbourhood Workshops were held for the residents of Saanich East and North Oak Bay in June and July 2009 when the CRD was looking at site options in those areas, and a further two special meetings held in February and March of 2010 were given the public at large to speak to the matter of procurement.

Esquimalt Council at its Regular Meeting held March 7, 2011 unanimously passed a motion to advise the CRD that the Township of Esquimalt requires that the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee host a meeting in Esquimalt to hear from all regional residents on the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan Amendment #8 before the CRD makes a decision.

The Township looks forward to a favourable reply.

Yours truly,

Handwritten signature of Barbara Desjardins in black ink.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor

cc: The Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Environment
cc: The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development