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Mayor of Esquimalt
Township of Esquimalt
1229 Esquimalt Road
Victoria, BC V9A 3P1

Dear Director Desjardins,

RE: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC FORUM ON COMMUNITY BENEFITS

I am writing in response to your correspondence received 22 December 2010 in which you request a special public forum related to community benefits be held in Esquimalt.

As you are aware, the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) has sent a request to core area councils for their recommendation on the provision of community benefits. The earliest I anticipate any further discussion being held on this issue is the next CALWMC meeting, scheduled for 23 February.

Furthermore, I understand you met with CRD staff on 12 January 2011 to discuss the wastewater public participation program and how the process is aligned with the CRD Public Participation Framework. Staff reported that it was a productive meeting.

Should the CALWMC recommend to the Board a community benefit package cost-shared across the region, CRD staff are committed to a meaningful public participation process for all regional residents.

I note that the Township of Esquimalt held a public forum for Esquimalt residents on community benefits in January of this year. I look forward to learning more about the gathered public input at a future CALWMC meeting.

If you have any further questions with regards to public participation, I encourage you to contact Andy Orr, Senior Manager of Corporate Communication, or Janette Loveys, Manager Park Operations Services, directly.

Thank you for interest in public participation as it relates to the wastewater treatment project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denise Blackwell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Denise Blackwell
Chair, Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee

cc: Geoff Young, Chair, CRD Board
Kelly Daniels, CRD CAO
Jack Hull, GM, Integrated Water Services