

CORE AREA AND WEST SHORE SEWAGE TREATMENT TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice of Meeting on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 12 noon** Board Room, 6th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

L. Helps (Chair)
T. Davies
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J. Rosenberg

R. Barnhart G. Gillespie

D. Marshall D. Purewall

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M. Baxter D. Halldorson

J. McIsaac L. Resnick

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M. Coburn

E. Ishiguro J. Miller

J. Miller J. Rose

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AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of September 1, 2015
- 3. Chair's Remarks
- 4. Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee Progress Update
- 5. Core Area Siting Options Development Phase 2 Public Consultation Update
- 6. Eastside Select Committee Update
- 7. Westside Select Committee Update
- 8. New Business
- 9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 3, 2015

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Core Area and West Shore Sewage Treatment Technical and Community Advisory Committee (TCAC)

Held September 1, 2015, in Room 107, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

Present:

Committee Members: L. Helps (Chair), G. Gillespie (Vice-Chair), R. Barnhart, M. Baxter, M. Coburn, T. Davies, E. Ishiguro, M. Mahovlich, D. Marshall, J. Paul,

T. Tiedje, J. Werring (for J. McIsaac)

Staff: L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services; L. Taylor, Communications Coordinator, Corporate Communications; D. Telford,

Senior Manager, Environmental Engineering; M. Reilly (recorder)

Also Present: A. Lee, Consultant; S. Russell, Consultant; J. Yehia, Island

Health

Absent:

D. Halldorson, J. Miller, D. Purewall, L. Resnick, J. Rose, J. Rosenberg,

D. White, C. Witter

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by G. Gillespie, **SECONDED** by R. Barnhart, That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by T. Davies, **SECONDED** by R. Barnhart, That the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Chairs Remarks

Chair Helps explained the role of the Technical Oversight Panel (TOP) and how it is distinct from the role of the TCAC. The TOP will be providing oversight on the next phase of the planning process whereas the TCAC provides technical and community advice to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee on the overall Liquid Waste Management Plan.

The TOP will be reporting to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee every two weeks. These reports will be shared with the TCAC and the Chair of the TOP will be invited to attend a TCAC meeting.

There was a discussion about the risk of future plans for a sewage treatment plant being halted by any municipality refusing to approve zoning, as happened to the previous plan for a treatment plant at McLoughlin Point. In response Chair Helps spoke of the risk mitigation strategy the Select Committees have applied in having ensured all sites under consideration have been accepted by the public.

4. Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee Progress Update

Larisa Hutcheson reviewed the progress made by the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee over the past two months.

The main decisions of the committee were the hiring of a consulting team (Urban Systems and Carollo Associates) to provide technical support for detailed engineering and financial analysis work on the Options Development Phase 2 of the project, the appointment of a Fairness and Transparency Advisor, and the appointment of a Technical Oversight Panel.

5. Eastside Select Committee Update

Ehren Lee (Urban Systems) reviewed the process for reprioritizing the wastewater treatment sites.

Urban Systems was tasked with creating a methodology and scoring system for evaluating the 40 feasible treatment sites which were brought forward by the Eastside municipalities. This methodology is aimed at ensuring the process is fair and transparent.

A list of 12 technical criteria was used for an objective weighting of sites, with each point given equal weight. The result of this evaluation is a new list of 17 distributed sites which can be narrowed down to approximately 6 or 7 neighbourhoods. This process has revealed some sites/option sets with high levels of possibility based on both technical criteria and public support.

In response to questions on the presentation Mr. Lee noted:

- all wastewater treatment systems and infrastructure will be designed for year 2100 sea-level rise projections
- Urban Systems will be working on an integration of both Westside and Eastside flows
- current plans show all treated wastewater flows directed to the Clover Point outfall although re-use is preferable and remains an option

6. Westside Select Committee Update

Sandra Russell (for Christine Houghton) reviewed the Westside process for public engagement to date.

The Westside used a survey tool called SiteSpeak in order to gauge public opinion on wastewater treatment. The survey website collected responses from June 24 to July 22 which identified public opinion on:

- most acceptable site/groups of sites for treatment
- most desirable level/type of treatment
- willingness to pay for resource recovery/higher levels of treatment

A more comprehensive analysis of the SiteSpeak results will be presented to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee in mid-October.

Urban Systems has been retained by the Westside to assist with further planning, particularly technical evaluations.

7. New Business

Provincial Support for Project

There was a concern raised that the sewage treatment project may be derailed once again by a veto on rezoning from a municipality. Chair Helps was asked to speak to the Provincial Minister of Environment to find out what assurance we have of their support for the project.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by T. Davies, **SECONDED** by J. Paul, That the meeting be adjourned at 12:58 pm.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: October 6, 2015.

CHAIR