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**REPORT TO SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION  
MEETING OF THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2010**

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**SUBJECT SAANICH PENINSULA STORMWATER SOURCE CONTROL SERVICE  
ESTABLISHMENT—UPDATE**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this staff report is to update the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission on the status of establishing a Capital Regional District (CRD)-led stormwater source control program on the Saanich Peninsula.

**BACKGROUND**

The development of a stormwater source control bylaw for the Saanich Peninsula was delayed by the need to amend the Saanich Peninsula Liquid Waste Management Plan. The amendment has been approved by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and the establishing bylaw and stormwater source control bylaw can now be completed.

On 17 September 2009, the Commission recommended to the Board that the Saanich Peninsula Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) be amended to update the commitments in the Stormwater Quality and Surface Water Resources program to reflect the need for a CRD-led Peninsula stormwater source control program. On 4 August 2010, Amendment No. 4 to the LWMP was approved by the Environment Minister and a copy of the letter is attached as Appendix A.

Staff can now finalize the establishing and stormwater source control bylaws. Stormwater, Harbours and Watersheds Program staff will work to:

- complete a legal review of the draft establishing bylaw
- update the CRD Model Storm Sewer and Watercourse Protection Bylaw and harmonize with the existing Central Saanich Surface Water Management Plan Bylaw
- investigate the need to conduct public consultation prior to bylaw adoption and enforcement
- meet with municipal staff at District of Central Saanich, District of North Saanich and Town of Sidney to present a progress update and to review the updated stormwater bylaw
- prepare a formal application to the Ministry of Community and Rural Development requesting authority to regulate discharges to stormwater within the Peninsula municipalities

Due to the time required to amend the LWMP, work to create the establishing and source control bylaws for the Saanich Peninsula will continue into 2011 and therefore will have to be funded through direct agreements with the peninsula municipalities. It is anticipated that this will be the last year that direct agreements are required and that a stormwater source control program will be in place in late 2011, providing that the legal process proceeds without further delay.

MOE has approved changes to the LWMP which allow the establishment of a CRD-led stormwater source control program on the Saanich Peninsula. Staff will finalize the establishing bylaw and stormwater source control bylaw and proceed with a request to the Province for authority to enact the service. Funding for this work will be by direct agreement with the peninsula municipalities in 2011.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission receive this report for information.

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