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**SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION**  
Notice of Meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:30 am**  
Meeting Room, Sidney Community Safety Building (Fire Hall),  
2245 Oakville Ave, Sidney BC

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| D. Kelbert (Chair)      | P. Jones        | S. Shrivastava |
| M. Doehnel (Vice Chair) | Z. King         | R. Windsor     |
| S. Duncan               | C. McNeil-Smith |                |
| D. Halldorson           | C. Pinches      |                |

**AGENDA**

- 1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES .....3**

*Recommendation: That the minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting be adopted.*

- 4. CHAIR’S REMARKS**
- 5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

*Delegations will have the option to participate electronically. Please complete the [online](#) application for “Addressing the Board” on our website and staff will respond with details.*

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- 6. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**
- 7. COMMISSION BUSINESS**
  - 7.1. Update on the Progress of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization .....6**

*Recommendation: There is no recommendation, this report is for information only.*

- 7.2. Biosolids Monthly Update to the Capital Regional District Board – March 13, 2024 .....13**

*Recommendation: There is no recommendation, this report is for information only.*

To ensure quorum, advise [iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca](mailto:iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca) if you cannot attend.

**8. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION**

**8.1. Motions with Notice**

**8.1.1. Redirection of Saanich Peninsula Septic Tank Effluent: M. Doehnel, January 18, 2024.....16**

*Recommendation: Be it resolved that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission mandate the redirection of local Saanich Peninsula septic tank effluent from SPL to the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant in an orderly and prescribed fashion for processing. Thereby keeping with both the spirit, and the letter of the bylaw prohibiting the land application of biosolids within the CRD.*

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 16, 2024



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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission, held January 18, 2024 at 9:30 am, Training Room 2, Sidney Community Safety Building, 2245 Oakville Ave, Sidney BC**

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**PRESENT: Commissioners:** D. Kelbert (Chair); M. Doehnel (Vice Chair); S. Duncan; D. Halldorson; P. Jones (EP); C. McNeil-Smith; C. Pinches; S. Shrivastava (EP); R. Windsor (EP)

**Staff:** A. Fraser, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; J. Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering; S. Irg, Senior Manager, Water Infrastructure Operations; G. Harris (EP), Senior Manager, Environmental Programs; J. Dales, Senior Manager, Wastewater Infrastructure Operations; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator, Integrated Water Services (Recorder)

**Also in Attendance:** D. Puskas, Director of Engineering, District of Central Saanich

**REGRETS:** Z. King

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

### **1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

An acknowledgement was provided in the preceding meeting.

### **2. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Election conducted by the General Manager, Integrated Water Services.

The General Manager called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for 2024.

Commissioner Duncan nominated Commissioner Kelbert. Commissioner Kelbert accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for nominations a second time.

The General Manager called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the General Manager declared Commissioner Kelbert Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for 2024 by acclamation.

### **3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Election conducted by the Chair.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for 2024.

Chair Kelbert nominated Commissioner Doehnel. Commissioner Doehnel accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for nominations a second time.  
The Chair called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chair declared Commissioner Doehnel Vice Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission for 2024 by acclamation.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOVED** by Commissioner Halldorson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Duncan,  
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOVED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Duncan,  
That the minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### 6. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair made no remarks.

#### 7. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were none.

#### 8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

##### 8.1. 2024 Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission Work Plan

There was no discussion. The plan is a working document for the Commission's information.

#### 9. COMMISSION BUSINESS

##### 9.1. Governance Options for First Nations Participation on the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission

A. Fraser introduced the report and noted that there has been some interest from the Pauquachin and Tseycum First Nations in moving forward with signing an agreement.

Discussion ensued related to:

- Intergovernmental implications, including the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee and what level of representation would be.
- Options for amending the Bylaw to include positions.

The report was received for information.

**9.2. Capital Regional District Board Staff Report: Long-Term Biosolids Management Planning – Consultation Update**

G. Harris introduced the report noting that it is being brought to this Commission for information and to keep them informed.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Commission regarding membership representation on the Technical and Community Advisory Committee (TCAC).

Staff advised that a summary would be provided to this Commission following any TCAC meetings, to continue to inform.

**10. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION**

There were none.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Duncan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner McNeil-Smith,  
That the January 18, 2024 meeting be adjourned at 10:31 am.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**SECRETARY**



**REPORT TO SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION  
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024**

**SUBJECT**     **Update on the Progress of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

To provide an update to the Commission on Bylaw No. 4596, Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization.

**BACKGROUND**

On October 19, 2023, Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission approved the 2024-2028 Saanich Peninsula wastewater budget. Following this, on October 25, 2023, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board gave provisional approval for the CRD 2024-2028 Financial Plan, inclusive of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Service five-year (2024 to 2028) capital plan.

The Saanich Peninsula Wastewater capital plan (Capital Plan) includes the replacement and improvement of aging wastewater infrastructure, upgrading odour control, relining trunk sewers, repairing and replacing manholes, enhancing control and communications systems and other improvements. This capital plan encompasses scheduled infrastructure and improvements amounting to \$12.3 million, necessitating a borrowing of \$7.72 million from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, commencing in 2025.

As is the case each year after plan approval, staff prepare the necessary loan authorization bylaws and security issuing bylaws. Please refer to the table below for the progress of the loan.

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Events</b>
October 19, 2023	Anticipation of loan authorization outlined in the report to Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission
October 19, 2023	Approval of 2024-2028 provisional budget, including the 2024-2028 capital plan, by Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission
October 25, 2023	CRD Board approved the CRD 2024 Financial Plan
January 3, 2024	Finance Committee recommends Bylaw 4596 for \$7.72 million
January 10, 2024	CRD Board gives the third reading

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Next steps:</b>
End of March, 2024	Send letters of consent to the three participating municipalities: C. Saanich, N. Saanich, and Sidney.
End of May, 2024	Response from three participating municipalities. Upon receipt the bylaw along with the consent letters will be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Ministry) Inspector of Municipalities for review and approval, a process expected to conclude typically within up to eight weeks.
July – Sept, 2024	Bylaw is presented to the CRD Board for adoption, followed by a one-month quashing period.

**CONCLUSION**

Bylaw No.4596, the loan authorization for the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services, is progressing through its standard procedures for establishment and adoption. The subsequent phase involves sending out the letters to obtain consent.

**RECOMMENDATION**

There is no recommendation, this report is for information only.

Submitted by:	Joseph Marr, P.Eng., Senior Manager, Infrastructure Engineering
Concurrence:	Alicia Fraser, P. Eng., General Manager, Integrated Water Services
Concurrence:	Ted Robbins, B. Sc., C. Tech., Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Appendix A: Bylaw No. 4596, “Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2024”

Appendix B: January 3, 2024 Staff Report to Finance Committee

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 4596

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**A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED  
 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,720,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING,  
 DESIGNING, AND CONSTRUCTING TRUNK SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL  
 FACILITIES OF SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
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**WHEREAS:**

- A. Under Bylaw No. 2388, "Liquid Waste Management Saanich Peninsula Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996", the Board of the Regional District established a local service for the operation of a service for the collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of sewage;
- B. It is deemed desirable to provide sewerage system facilities described hereunder described in accordance with the local service of Saanich Peninsula Wastewater;
- C. The works shall include the capital renewal and upgrade of the Saanich Peninsula wastewater system which will involve the planning, study, project administration, project communications, and staff time required for design and construction of facilities, design and construction of facilities for the collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of wastewater, as well as other related works, facilities and equipment purchases;
- D. The estimated cost of the works, including expenses incidental thereto to be funded from debt servicing, is the sum of Seven Million Seven Hundred and Twenty Thousand (\$7,720,000) dollars, which is the amount of debt intended to be authorized by this bylaw;
- E. Pursuant to sections 407(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act*, participating area approval is required for this borrowing and shall be obtained by municipal council consent under s. 346 of the *Local Government Act*; and
- F. Financing is proposed to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to agreements between it and the Capital Regional District;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Capital Regional District Board in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the planning, study, public consultation, site selection, design, land and material acquisition, construction, supply and installation of all material, equipment and components and all construction necessary for the collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of wastewater, as well as other related works, facilities and equipment therein before described and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) to borrow upon the credit of the Capital Regional District a sum not exceeding seven million seven hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$7,720,000); and



- b) to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the design and construction of a system for the collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of sewage and all related ancillary works, studies and equipment deemed necessary by the Board.
- 2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is fifteen (15) years.
- 3. This Bylaw may be cited as “Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2024”.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

APPROVED BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CONSENT  
PROCESS PER S.346 OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT THIS day of 202\_\_

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR  
OF MUNICIPALITIES THIS ADOPTED THIS day of 202\_\_

ADOPTED THIS day of 202\_\_

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CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CORPORATE OFFICER

FILED WITH THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES THIS day of

**REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 03, 2024**

**SUBJECT**     **Bylaw No. 4596: Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2024**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to the Capital Regional District (CRD) provisionally approved 2024 to 2028 Financial Plan, this report brings forward the loan authorization Bylaw No. 4596 for the purpose of financing approved capital plan projects.

**BACKGROUND**

On October 25, 2023, the Board gave provisional approval for the CRD 2024 Financial Plan, inclusive of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Service five-year (2024 to 2028) capital plan. As is the case each year following plan approval, staff prepare the necessary loan authorization bylaws and security issuing bylaws. The Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Service capital plan includes planned infrastructure and improvements totaling \$12.3 million, which requires the borrowing of \$7.72 million from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (MFABC) starting in 2025.

The Saanich Peninsula Wastewater capital plan (the 'Capital Plan') includes replacing and improving aging wastewater infrastructure, upgrading odour control, relining trunk sewers, repairing and replacing manholes, enhancing control and communications systems and other improvements.

Loan authorization bylaws expire after five years, so bylaws are drafted to cover the five-year financial plan for services requiring borrowing to fund capital. The loan authorization bylaw will specify the maximum amount, the restricted use and the debt repayment amortization period. Requests to draw funds against the loan authorization bylaw will only be authorized with Board approval of a subsequent security issuing bylaw. The security issuing bylaws, prepared biannually, include only those borrowings that are necessary based on the cash flow needs as determined by the approved financial plan.

The following bylaw is proposed:

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Bylaw</b>
3.718	Loan Authorization Bylaw	To create a loan authorization bylaw to permit long-term borrowing related to the Capital Plan for this service.	4596

## **ALTERNATIVES**

### *Alternative 1*

The Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4596, “Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2024”, be introduced and read a first, second and third time; and
2. That participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4596 be obtained by way of the municipal consent process for North Saanich, Central Saanich and Sidney, and if successful, be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

### *Alternative 2*

That Bylaw No. 4596 be referred to staff for additional information.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### *Legislative & Financial Implications*

Section 24 of the *Municipal Finance Authority Act*, RSBC 1996 c 325 states that a regional district security issuing bylaw may only be enacted and financed if the long-term borrowing is arranged through the MFABC. The loan authorization required is up to \$7.72 million and will support the planned five-year capital plan expenditures commencing in January 2025. The estimated debt servicing costs for the borrowing are included in the 2024 CRD provisional financial plan.

With the MFABC's indicative interest rate at 4.58% as of December 11, 2023, borrowing the full authorized amount over a 15-year amortization period would result in an estimated annual debt service cost of approximately \$0.75 million. The total financing cost over this period is projected to be \$11.3 million. These debt servicing expenses are planned to be funded through requisition and the actual amount borrowed each year will be based on the specific cash flow requirements for the year.

Long-term borrowing (i.e., loans with a term of more than five years) cannot be undertaken without the loan authorization bylaw being approved and, subsequently and separately, a security issuing bylaw being approved, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

As part of the loan authorization bylaw approval process, the bylaw requires participant approval. Participant approval can be obtained through consent on behalf of municipal participants or by sub-regional alternative approval process (AAP). Consent on behalf of the municipal participants of North Saanich, Central Saanich and Sidney will be initiated once the loan authorization bylaw has received third reading by the Board and is the preferred method administratively in this instance.

To ensure optimization of interest and timing of long-term debt, issuance of a temporary borrowing will be proposed if Ministerial approval is obtained, and the municipal consent process proves successful. The timing of the debt issuance will be based on the timing of expenditures and will be dependent on prevailing interest rates at the time. Before long-term debt issuance can be exercised, a security issuing bylaw will be brought forward for approval. The term of debt issuance under the loan authorization will be 15 years.

**CONCLUSION**

The CRD 2024 provisional financial plan sets out the capital expenditure for each service, including planned borrowing. Borrowing for the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Service was identified as \$7.72 million for planned infrastructure and improvements. Bylaw No. 4596, “Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2024”, is presented now in preparation for the future borrowing to enable the identified projects within the Service’s five-year (2024-2028) capital plan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4596, “Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2024”, be introduced and read a first, second and third time; and
2. That participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4596 be obtained by way of the municipal consent process for North Saanich, Central Saanich and Sidney, and if successful, be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

Submitted by:	Rianna Lachance, BCom, CPA, CA, Senior Manager, Financial Services
Concurrence:	Nelson Chan, MBA, FCPA, FCMA, Chief Financial Officer
Concurrence:	Jan van Niekerk, P.Eng. Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services
Concurrence:	Kristen Morley, J.D., General Manager, Corporate Services & Corporate Officer
Concurrence:	Larisa Hutcheson, P. Eng., Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT**

Appendix A: Bylaw No. 4596, “Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Services Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2024”

**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024**

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**SUBJECT**     **Biosolids Monthly Update – March**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

To update the Board on the status of the short-term options for biosolids management, as well as progress on the development of the Long-term Biosolids Management Plan and the advanced thermal pilot project.

**BACKGROUND**

Since the commissioning of the core area wastewater treatment project in 2020, the Capital Regional District (CRD) has been responsible for the beneficial reuse of Class A biosolids produced at the Residuals Treatment Facility. Currently, the CRD is operating under a five-year Short-term Biosolids Management Plan, with the primary beneficial use options being incineration as an alternative fuel in a cement manufacturing plant in Richmond, BC, industrial land reclamation at a quarry near Cassidy, BC, and integration with landfill cover systems as contingencies. When none of these options are available, landfilling biosolids at Hartland Landfill is the only alternative. In 2011, the Board banned the land application of biosolids; however, in 2023, given the operational and logistical challenges with the short-term plan, the Board amended its position to allow non-agricultural land application of biosolids as a contingency option. Staff continue to seek additional short-term beneficial use contingency options consistent with CRD Board direction (short-term, out-of-region and non-agricultural land application options).

The CRD is also required to develop a Long-term Biosolids Management Plan by June 2024. Plan development will include input from the Technical and Community Advisory Committee (TCAC), First Nations engagement and public consultation.

**Short-term Plan Implementation**

*Cement Kiln:* The Lafarge facility experienced a mechanical failure of the receiving silo in November 2023, and has been in a winter maintenance shutdown since February 10. Staff anticipate the first shipment of biosolids in 2024 to be March 12.

*Landfilling:* Currently, all biosolids are being landfilled, as no other short-term management options are available. In February, 332 tonnes of biosolids were landfilled. Landfilling is not a beneficial use, as per provincial and federal expectations, and continues to consume valuable airspace at the landfill.

*Land Reclamation in Cassidy, BC:* A blend of biosolids and sand is currently being stored by the land owner under cover on the Cassidy site, pending regulatory approval for mixing with other organics and placement of biosolids growing medium, in accordance with the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation and approvals under the *Mines Act*. Reclamation of the quarry will be carried out in phases, and there is a short-term limit on the quantity of biosolids that can be received at this time. This limit was met in early January; therefore, shipping of biosolids to the quarry has been paused until the material on site is mixed and placed under the facility's reclamation plan.

*Second Quarry Site in the Regional District of Nanaimo, BC:* As reported last month, the CRD has been approached by a site operator of a second gravel quarry within the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) to receive CRD Class A biosolids for site reclamation. The RDN Board Chair has since sent correspondence on behalf of the RDN Board, dated February 29, 2024, that requests *the CRD Board of Directors cease considering land application within the RDN as a viable option for biosolids generated in the Capital Region.* The letter indicates that the RDN is pursuing its Biosolids Beneficial Use Plan that incorporates land application and is concerned that the CRD's activities may limit RDN's options as its population continues to grow.

Unless directed otherwise, staff will continue to explore this opportunity with the site operator and will report back to the Board before any contracts are entered into.

## **Long-term Planning**

*Public Engagement:* Public engagement on the Long-term Biosolids Management Plan was launched January 11, 2024 and closed March 6, 2024. The consultant will prepare a “What We Heard” report, which will inform a staff report introducing a draft long-term management plan for the April 10 CRD Board meeting. The engagement included background information and multiple opportunities to provide feedback, all of which are available via the CRD's Get Involved engagement platform (<https://getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/biosolids>). The CRD hosted a virtual open house on February 20, 2024, and included presentations from CRD staff and the technical consultant, as well as a moderated question and answer period. There were approximately 55 participants and 175 questions/comments submitted, of which more than 100 questions were answered. A recording of the event is available on the engagement website. The TCAC is also reviewing the available beneficial reuse options and providing input at its meeting this month.

*First Nations Engagement:* Staff have retained an engagement consultant to conduct First Nations engagement on long-term biosolids management options and planning. The consultant has experience working with Indigenous communities in BC and anticipates completing First Nations engagement parallel to the public engagement process. In-person and virtual open houses are scheduled for late March with 18 First Nations.

*Advanced Thermal Technology Demonstration Plant:* A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a technical advisor to support CRD staff in developing terms and technical requirements closed on March 11. The subsequent RFP for the demonstration plant is expected to be issued in Q2, with a preferred proponent selected in Q3/Q4 2024.

*Organic Matter Recycling Regulation Technical Working Group Review:* In 2023, the provincial Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy conducted a review of the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation, including an evaluation of emerging contaminants of concern in the context of land application. The report was anticipated in late 2023, but staff have been advised that the date has been delayed again until Q2 of 2024. The Ministry has not altered its regulatory direction at this time.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Capital Regional District (CRD) continues to implement the Short-term Biosolids Management Plan while also developing the draft long-term plan. The short-term program has experienced operational challenges and has inadequate contingency capacity consistent with CRD Board policy to ensure the beneficial use of biosolids. The CRD has exhausted its contingency options under the Short-term Biosolids Management Plan and is currently landfilling biosolids contrary to provincial regulatory direction.

**RECOMMENDATION**

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

Submitted by:	Glenn Harris, Ph.D., R.P.Bio., Senior Manager, Environmental Protection
Concurrence:	Larisa Hutcheson, P. Eng., Acting General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services
Concurrence:	Ted Robbins, B. Sc., C. Tech., Chief Administrative Officer

**Motion with Notice Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

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**SUBJECT**    **Redirection of Saanich Peninsula Septic Tank Effluent from SPL**

**BACKGROUND**

Whereas, Currently Septic tank effluent from Peninsula properties in Central Saanich/North Saanich/Sidney is trucked to Langford and processed by SPL Waste Water Recovery Centre in a process whereby the residual sludge ends up being transported to a compost manufacture up island where it is processed into class A biosolids and then potentially/obviously sold back to peninsula and Capital Regional District residents for application on both their food and ornamental gardens.

And whereas, this makes no sense from the standpoint of excessive transportation, current prohibiting bylaw, and the curious practice of dumping our septage in other peoples' backyards.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Be it resolved that the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission mandate the redirection of local Saanich Peninsula septic tank effluent from SPL to the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant in an orderly and prescribed fashion for processing. Thereby keeping with both the spirit, and the letter of the bylaw prohibiting the land application of biosolids within the CRD.

**SUBMITTED BY**

Vice Chair Michael Doehnel  
January 18, 2024