



Mayor Helps

Chair, Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee of the CRD and
Mayor, City of Victoria

Mayor Desjardins

Board Chair, CRD and
Mayor, Esquimalt

Dear Mayors:

Thank you for meeting with Minister Polak and myself on March 9th, 2016 regarding next steps on the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan (CALWMP).

Our meeting marked an important milestone in highlighting our interest in assisting your region to meet its obligations under federal and provincial environmental regulations. We understand that you are in progress to receive the appropriate extensions to afford the region the additional time it needs to achieve these accountabilities; and I was pleased that you have accepted my offer of provincial facilitation assistance to help the region move its project forward in a positive way.

As a first step, the Province will engage Partnerships BC to conduct a fact finding exercise regarding the potential technology options. We anticipate that this initial work will be concluded by May, 2016, and I will share with you and your officials the results of that work as it progresses.

My expectation is that this work will then inform the final considerations of the CRD as it determines the scope of its project for final approvals. The second part of my commitment to you is to also support this process through specialized facilitation, with the objective of enabling the region to reach a final decision which achieves its accountabilities, positions it to proceed to detailed planning and procurement, meets provincial and federal government regulatory requirements, and satisfies conditions for senior government funding.

I look forward to continuing our dialogue and our joint support for seeing a positive path forward to wastewater treatment in the CRD.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Fassbender". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Fassbender
Minister

cc: Robert Lapham, CAO, CRD
Minister Polack, Minister of Environment