

June 17, 2008

The Honourable Barry Penner
Minister of Environment
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Dear Minister Penner:

RE: CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – PLAN FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER DATED DECEMBER 14, 2007

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is pleased to submit the plan you requested for achieving the objectives outlined in your letter dated December 14, 2007 regarding the provision of sewage treatment for its core area.

The attached report (Appendix A) entitled *Core Area Wastewater Management Program – Program Development Phase – Report to Minister of Environment by Associated Engineering/CH2MHill/KWL*, dated June 12, 2008, describes how the CRD proposes to achieve the six objectives listed in your letter. You directed that this plan be submitted to you by June 30, 2008.

Also attached (Appendix B) is a report entitled *Market Sounding and Stakeholder Consultation – Summary of Responses* by Ernst & Young Orenda Corporate Finance Inc., dated April 23, 2008. This report summarizes the feedback received from sewage treatment service providers in the industry regarding their preferred procurement approaches.

Your letter also directed that the CRD submit a Liquid Waste Management Plan amendment by December 31, 2008, which was to incorporate the seven items listed on page 1-3 of the Appendix A report. For the reasons outlined in Section 4 of the report, it is now apparent that it will not be possible to adequately respond to all of the listed items by that date. The CRD will, however, by this date be able to provide you with a comprehensive progress report on a number of these items, including those listed on Table 4-2 of the attached report. The CRD will continue to work with your ministry staff to meet the timelines shown in this table.

It is now expected to take until the end of 2009 to submit a comprehensive Liquid Waste Management Plan amendment, which fully addresses the findings of the provincial *Resources from Waste* report, describes a successful facility siting program incorporating extensive public input and outlines the initiatives used to fully engage First Nations in the planning of the project.

Your approval of an extension to the deadline for the submission of the proposed amendment to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan to December 31, 2009 is, therefore, requested.


The CRD remains committed to completing this wastewater treatment project by the end of 2016, as indicated in amendment #6 and approved in your letter dated December 14, 2007.

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Should you or your ministry staff have any questions about the attached documents, please have your staff contact Dwayne Kalynchuk, general manager, Environmental Services, by telephone at 360-3092 or by e-mail at dkalynchuk@crd.bc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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Board Chair

Attachments: 2

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