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The Honourable Bill Bennett
Minister of Community and Rural Development
Room 301 Parliament Buildings
501 Belleville Street
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Honourable Minister Bennett:

RE: BUSINESS CASE IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR PROVINCIAL FUNDING - CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT CORE AREA AND WEST SHORE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) it is my pleasure to formally submit our business case (binder attached) in support of the application for provincial funding of the core area and west shore wastewater treatment program.

Our Board today approved this business case and in doing so brought this important project one step closer to reality. This document is the fruit of countless hours of work by staff, an outstanding team of consultants, and my colleagues on the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee. Most important, it is the fruit of over three years of study and community consultations and reflects the views, concerns and aspirations of the residents of our region.

The business case was prepared by Ernst and Young Orenda Corporate Finance Inc with input from CRD staff and other consultants. It was reviewed by a peer review team of experts and subjected to an extensive public consultation process.

The business case explores opportunities to save money, transfer risk and add value through both public private partnerships and more traditional means of procurement. It includes procurement best practices aimed at providing the best, lowest-cost and most innovative sewage treatment solution for Greater Victoria.

The CRD Board resolution of 31 March 2010 approving the business case was as follows:

- 1) *That the business case be approved and forwarded to the provincial government for funding consideration;*
- 2) *That McLoughlin Point, Clover Point, Saanich East plant, the energy centre, conveyance, pumps and outfalls be procured using a traditional approach (design-bid-build, design-build, or construction management at risk); and*
- 3) *That the Westshore plant and the resource recovery component of the energy centre be procured with a traditional or an alternative service delivery (design-build-finance-operate, or design-build-operate).*

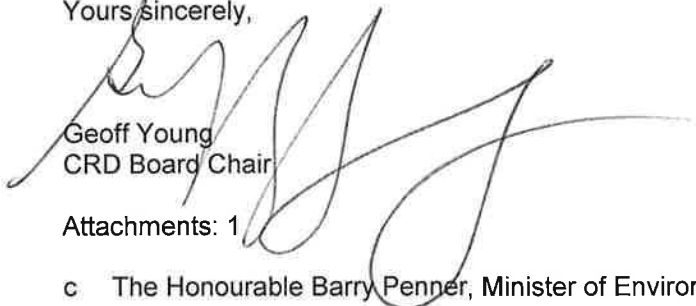
The provincial government's ongoing support has been critical in getting us to where we are today. It will continue to be critical in reaching our final goal of completing this important environmental project on schedule and within budget by the end of 2016.

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We look forward to your review of our application and to a positive response.

Should you or your ministry staff have any questions about the attached documents, please have your staff contact Dwayne Kalynchuk, Project Director, Core Area Wastewater Treatment, by telephone at 250-360-3092 or by e-mail at dkalynchuk@crd.bc.ca

Yours sincerely,



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CRD Board Chair

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c The Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment