

**REPORT TO CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024**

SUBJECT **Liquid Waste Management Plan Engagement Plan**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Capital Regional District (CRD) staff are ready to proceed with an engagement plan to solicit comments on an amendment to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan (CALWMP) Section 5 - Management of Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) and Control of Wastewater Overflows. This report provides an update on work to date and the next steps.

BACKGROUND

Liquid Waste Management plans allow the CRD and local governments to develop community-specific solutions for the management of liquid waste, stormwater and environmental protection in accordance with the BC *Environmental Management Act*. The current Plan was originally approved by the Minister of Environment in 2003 and was last updated with Amendment 12 in 2018.

The CRD is updating components of the Plan and formed a Technical and Community Advisory Committee (TCAC) in October 2023 to assist the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC), and the CRD Board, regarding amendments to the CALWMP. As part of the TCAC process, Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd. (KWL) reviewed options regarding amendments to Section 5 and has worked with staff and the TCAC to make recommendations in a report.

At the February 13, 2024 meeting, the TCAC reviewed and provided final comments on the proposed new Section 5 of the CALWMP and the KWL report, expressing their support for both (the staff report to the TCAC is attached as Appendix A). The agenda and minutes from that meeting were subsequently received for information by the CALWMC at their June 26, 2024 meeting.

On May 14, 2024, Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation were contacted and offered an opportunity to review and comment on this material (in their roles as participants in the CALWMP) and staff are awaiting their response.

Staff are now ready to begin engagement before finalizing Amendment 13 as follows:

- receiving public comment through the CRD's Get Involved website
- referring to municipal engineering staff for internal discussions at the municipal level
- inviting comment from the First Nations listed in the Province of British Columbia First Nation Consultation Areas database where there may be a duty to consult

The results of this engagement will be incorporated as needed into an Amendment 13 package which will come back to the CALWMC and the CRD Board in early 2025 for recommendation and then submitted to the provincial regulator. This amendment will satisfy a regulatory requirement as a condition of the provincial approval of Amendment 12.

CONCLUSION

Staff are ready to proceed with an engagement plan to solicit comments on an amendment to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan (CALWMP) Section 5 - Management of Infiltration and Inflow and Control of Wastewater Overflows. This process will include invitations to comment from the public, municipal engineering staff and the First Nations listed in the Province of British Columbia First Nation Consultation Areas database.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: Report to Technical and Community Advisory Committee (February 13, 2024)