



LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Following the Village of Cumberland's decision to withdraw from the CVRD South Sewer Project, Cumberland has restarted the Liquid Waste Management Plan process. The goal is to come up with a "made in Cumberland" solution for long term wastewater treatment.



Public Open House Thursday July 14, 2016



What's happening?

Thank you to the hardy souls who came out in the rain for the wastewater lagoon tour on May 28!

The LWMP process is now well underway, and the Wastewater Advisory Committee has met three times, during which they toured the lagoon, reviewed the history of the project, and began the process of updating the community's goals in order to come up with a preferred direction for the future of wastewater management in Cumberland.

The committee is ready to bring forward these ideas and goals to the community, and the Village invites you to join us for an Open House to learn more about this, and give us your feedback.

Public Open House

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Thursday 14 July
Council Chambers, 2675 Dunsmuir Ave.
Presentation at 6:30, and Q&A from 7:00 - 8:00 pm



Project Stages

The BC Ministry of Environment regulates the LWMP process, and there are three stages, all of which must include comprehensive public involvement and consultation.



1 Identify

- ✓ Define the baseline – Where are we now?
- ★ **Set the goals, using the OCP for context – Where do we want to be?**
- Develop the "long list" of options – How do we get there?
- Screen the options to the "short list"
- Identify any knowledge gaps and further studies needed to fill them

2 Evaluate

- Detailed evaluation of the short list
- Carry out required studies, how do they impact the options?
- Select preferred option

3 Adopt

- Detailed study of preferred option
- Identify steps for implementation
- Develop financing plan
- Decision to adopt and implement
- Approval by Minister of Environment

★ *Where we are now*



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Project Goals, and Why They Need Updating



The goals represent what the LWMP is trying to achieve, in terms of wastewater servicing, environmental protection, financing and community benefits. These goals need to consider up-to-date wastewater conditions, environmental regulations, and community objectives, and all of these have changed since the last active “in Cumberland” study was done in 2011. Wastewater and stormwater flows are changing (for the better), there are new Federal and Provincial wastewater regulations, there is a new Official Community Plan, and there are some new Cumberland residents! All of these changes make it a good time to look at what Cumberland’s goals and constraints are, and to make sure the planning process meets them.

Can Cumberland get grant funding for the upgrades?

Cumberland’s 2014 Official Community Plan has a specific goal to “Seek maximum funding for infrastructure development from senior levels of government by taking advantage of special financing opportunities available for innovative efficient infrastructure development.” Generally, the better the “quality” and more innovative the system, the better the chances of getting funding. There are various funding programs out there, and some new ones coming, and all these avenues will be explored in the LWMP process. An update will be presented at the Open House.

If you have any ideas, concerns or comments, you can email them to LWMP@Cumberland.ca, or send or deliver them to the Village office located at 2673 Dunsmuir Ave.



FAQ



Q: What will happen to the South Sewer Project now?

A: The Comox Valley Regional District will consider what their next steps are. For Cumberland, this option is now off the table, and won't be pursued further in the LWMP process.

Q: What is timeline for implementing the LWMP?

A: The LWMP lays out the expectations for a 20 year period, similar to the Official Community Plan. Not all works are needed right away. In the case of Cumberland, the major work is the upgrade to wastewater treatment, and under new Federal regulations, that must be in place by January 1, 2021.

Q: How can I keep informed?

A: Come along! All the Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, and attendance is welcomed. Agendas, minutes and updates will be posted on cumberland.ca, and a second open house is planned for September.

It's your Village, have your say!

Wastewater Advisory Committee Representatives



Public Members

Ken Barth
Matt Ishoy
Mike Tymchuk

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Vig Schulman
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Village, First Nations and Technical members

Sean Sullivan, Council Representative
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Sundance Topham, Chief Administrative Officer
Rob Crisfield, Manager of Operations
Paul Nash, LWMP Project Coordinator
TetraTech Co, Technical Consultants
Dave Cherry, Vancouver Island Health Authority

Other government agencies that are involved, but will not be sitting on the Committee include;

- BC Ministry of Environment
- BC Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
- Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans



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