



LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

Public Lagoon Tour - Saturday May 28, 2016



What's happening?

The first event is a public tour of the Cumberland wastewater treatment lagoons and the inaugural meeting of the Wastewater Advisory Committee.

Cumberland staff and consultants will conduct a guided tour of the lagoon system, explain how it works and answer questions. This is a rare chance to get up close and personal with the "business end" of town!

This will be followed by the inaugural meeting of the Wastewater Advisory Committee at Council Chambers, located at 2675 Dunsmuir Ave.

Lagoon tour

9:30 am – 10:30 am *(Location on map, look for the signs)*

Coffee break at Council chambers

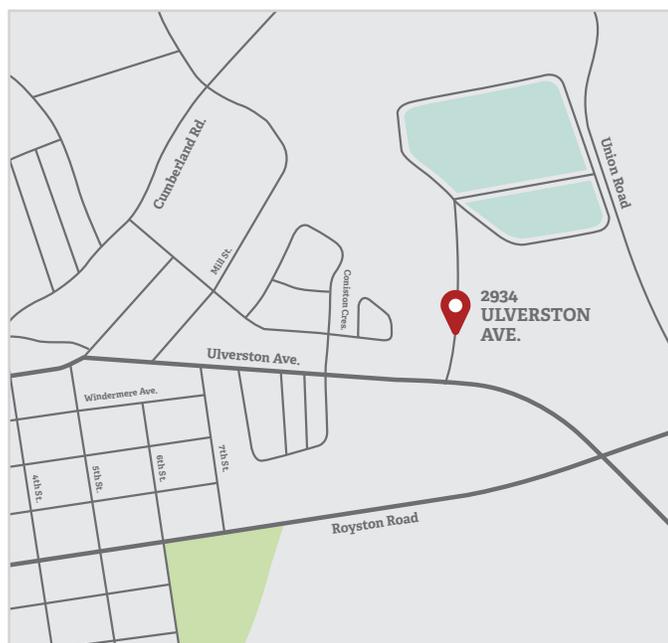
10:30 am – 11:00 am

Wastewater Advisory Committee Meeting

11:00 am – 12:30 am

Public Q&A period

12:30 pm – 1:00 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



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What is the Liquid Waste Management Plan?



A Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) is a long term strategy for managing the community's stormwater and wastewater. The objective of the LWMP is to develop a plan to bring Cumberland into compliance with the current standards for wastewater treatment, and to develop a funding plan for it.

Cumberland first started the LWMP process in 1999. A lot has changed since then, and so the process is restarting to ensure it accurately reflects the current and future needs of Cumberland.

What is wrong with our current system?

Our current lagoon-based treatment system discharges treated effluent to Maple Lake Creek, which then flows into the Trent River, which eventually discharges into Baynes Sound, one of the most important shellfish growing areas in British Columbia.

The effluent is out of compliance in relation to elevated levels of phosphorous, excessive wet weather flows, and the disinfection conditions set out in the Provincial discharge permit. Cumberland has to meet all the Provincial and the new Federal regulations by 2020.

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: How long will this take?

A: Not another 17 years! Stage 1 is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

Q: What does the Advisory Committee do and who is on it?

A: The Committee is the focal point for the LWMP process. It gathers all the information from the public, Village staff and technical consultants. It is the forum for discussion and will make recommendations to Council on major decisions such as the goals and options.

Q: How can I keep informed?

A: This newsletter will come out periodically as the process unfolds. All the Advisory Committee meeting agendas and minutes will published on the Cumberland website

Q: How can I get involved?

A: Come along! All the Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, and attendance is welcomed.

In addition to the site tour on Saturday May 28, there will be several public Open Houses in 2016 to inform and seek feedback from the public.

Wastewater Advisory Committee Representatives



Public Members

Ken Barth
Matt Ishoy
Mike Tymchuk

Dennis Cassin
Vig Schulman

Village, First Nations and Technical members

Sean Sullivan, Council Representative
Jesse Ketter, Alternate Council Representative
Chief Robert Everson, K'omoks First Nation
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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