

# **SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT COMING TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Your neighborhood is slated to be impacted by the legal requirement for the Greater Victoria Area to upgrade to secondary treatment of its waste water. This decision affects you and your children. You need to make your views known.

**Come to the Town Hall Meeting  
Monday, June 22nd -- 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Queenswood Centre  
2494 Arbutus Road  
Cadboro Bay**

## **ISSUE:**

The CRD has proposed three possible sites for a sewage facility in our neighborhood: Haro Woods, UVic fields near McKenzie and McCoy Road, and the field near Cedar Hill X and Crestview Road. The Town Hall Meeting format will afford us the opportunity to consider what options are available for these sites. Residents will also have the chance to ask questions and make their concerns known. CRD representatives will present information, answer questions, and solicit input from the public.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the end of this calendar year a CRD Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC), made up of 14 members representing all major local municipalities, will make a decision that will outline how to meet the Provincial Government's requirements for secondary treatment. The first stage of this system is to be implemented by 2016 and the rest will span over future decades. The CRD has selected an option that includes a Saanich East North Oak Bay plant. Other plants include Clover Point, MacAuley/McLachlan Point, and a West Shore plant. It is likely that the Saanich East North Oak Bay plant will be the first to be built.

Your Residents Association, other Associations, and individual citizens have attended the public section of CALWMC meetings over the past several months. As a result, the Cadboro Bay Residents Association (CBRA) has successfully lobbied for a Town Hall format which allows for an open forum including questions and answers from the audience and CRD staff. This will be preceded by short CRD visually-aided briefing in which the latest information would be brought forward on all aspects of any action that may take place in Saanich East North Oak Bay. In seeking the Town Hall format the CBRA was following through on a motion passed at the 2009 AGM directing them to do so. In addition, CRD plans to sponsor Open Houses and Workshops in the area.

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## **QUESTIONS**

The following ten questions were included as part of the most recent letter (4<sup>th</sup> June 2009) concerning the need for a Town Hall format meeting be included in the CRDs public consultation process. These questions were posed as representing a wide range of concerns residents have brought forward to us and are in no way meant to limit the range of questions you may ask.

Our collective responsibility now is that, if a facility is sited in our neighborhood, we identify a result that is the very best for the community in every aspect, including the promised community enhancements for having it here.

### **THE TEN KEY QUESTIONS POSED TO THE CRD JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> 2009**

1. Why is it necessary to spend 1.2 billion dollars to provide secondary treatment when a wide body of scientific opinion indicates our present system does not pose a threat to the marine environment?
2. Is the full funding of this project secured in writing?
3. What is the tax burden to the individual taxpayer and over what period of time?
4. Why if this project goes ahead is there a need for a Saanich East North Oak Bay plant?
5. If there are “several” sites being considered for the Saanich East North Oak Bay area, why do we only know that Haro Woods is one such site?
6. Why should Haro Woods be singled out as a site when as an urban forest area it reduces greenhouse gasses at no cost, is close to two schools, two kindergartens, Queen Alexandra's Trust children's services and residential homes as well as being a habitat for a wide range of flora and fauna?
7. Will area residents be able to exert meaningful influence as to the site, the infrastructure options and the design features of the plants which may be installed in our area?
8. What is the extent of land and seabed disturbance from outfall end to treatment plant/infrastructure including that which transports resource recovery items to end users?
9. Will steps be taken at the design stage to allow the elimination of odours from any infrastructure installed?
10. Will the community be directly and meaningfully involved in identifying planned local enhancement initiatives and would such initiatives involve compensation for loss of property values?

**ATTEND THE TOWN HALL MEETING. YOUR OPINION COUNTS.**