

Victoria's Wastewater: Land-Based Treatment ... or Something Better?

The Issue

On July 21, 2006, the British Columbia Minister of Environment directed the Capital Regional District (CRD) to provide a fixed schedule for sewage treatment in the Core Area of the CRD. The Minister's directive followed on several years of mounting public criticism of the absence of secondary treatment of the region's wastewater.

However, since that decision, a different perspective has emerged - arguing for alternative methods of handling liquid waste disposal in the region and questioning the value of the proposed expenditure on land-based secondary treatment facilities.

This forum will bring together diverse perspectives on the issue of Victoria's municipal wastewater effluent with a view to enabling a better understanding of the issues by the public, academics and policy makers.

Public Forum

Free and open to the general public, this forum will set out the legislative, regulatory and institutional context that lead up to Minister's directive, the science that has developed around the issue, and the response to date from the Capital Regional District.

February 21 (7 pm - 9 pm)

**February 21 and
February 22 2008**
University of Victoria
Engineering and Computer
Science Building

Full-Day Workshop

This workshop will review some interpretations of the evidence on environmental and public health impacts associated with wastewater effluent and with alternative strategies for treatment, consider social, legal and other dimensions of the issue and consider alternative interpretations of all those considerations, leading to differing appraisals of options for treatment. The day will conclude with a simulated meeting of Deputy Ministers attempting to agree on the path forward.

February 22 (8 am - 5 pm)

Program Details and Online Registration available at
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Featured Speakers

- Peter Chapman (Golder Associates)
- Andrea Copping (Pacific National Laboratories, Marine Sciences)
- Sophia Johannessen (Institute of Ocean Sciences, DFO)
- Dwayne Kalynchuk (Capital Regional District)
- Lincoln Loehr (Environmental Analyst, Seattle)
- Shaun Peck (formerly Deputy Provincial Health Officer)
- Richard Stanwick (Chief Medical Health Officer, VIHA)
- Lara Tessaro (Ecojustice)
- Rebecca Warburton (Public Administration, UVic)
- John Werring (David Suzuki Foundation)
- Christianne Wilhelmson (Georgia Strait Alliance)
- And a panel of former Deputy Ministers

Forum Host



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