

DISTRICT OF SOOKE

Liquid Waste Management Plan (Sanitary), Stage 3 Advisory Committee

Meeting # 4 – January 22, 2009
1:00 PM – Council Chambers
2225 Otter Point Road

Committee Members Present:

Dave McClimon, Community Representative
Tammi Wetmore, EPCOR
John Reynolds, EPCOR

District Staff

Lisa Urlacher, Council Clerk
Al Fontes, Acting Director of Engineering
Laura Byrne, Engineering Technologist

Consultant

Dave Forgie, Associated Engineering Ltd.

Absent

Cindy Walsh, Officer, Ministry of Environment
T'Sou-ke Nation Representative
Alan Deslile, T'Sou-ke Nation Consultant
Michael Riefman, Vancouver Island Health Authority
Councillor Ron Dumont
Rod Vowels, Community Representative
Peter Law, Ministry of Environment
William Norton, Community Representative
Julia Brydon, Environment Canada
Chris Jensen, Ministry of Community Services
Blake Medlar, Ministry of Environment
Russ Chipps, Beecher Bay Nation

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Eric Lund, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director
Dave Drummond, CAO Metchosin

Action

The meeting began at 1:06 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved with the addition of discussions as to the regulation of discharging sewage into the harbour.

2.

Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes of September 18, 2008 were approved as amended on page 2.

3. **New Business:**

The committee discussed the jurisdiction of the Sooke Harbour and basin and asked that the discussion be brought forward with information on the *Canadian Shipping Act*. A discussion ensued as to the location and operational requirements of a sani-dump.

Laura

4. **Plan Monitoring Committee Terms of Reference**

The committee discussed the Terms of Reference and suggested that meetings in the first year should be every 3-4 months and twice a year thereafter. Staff will contact the CVRD and bring forward to the committee information on the CVRD process. The consultant overviewed the details as to how the committee would be structured and it was noted that recommendations going forward to Council would be the Engineer's responsibility who would provide a staff report detailing the options. It was noted that providing refreshments does not need to be documented within the Terms of Reference.

Laura

5. **Draft Operational Certificate**

The consultant provided history as to the Municipal Sewer Registration (MSR) and explained that the Operational Certificate would replace the MSR.

Staff described Blake Medlar's explanation as to appeals and public consultation.

A discussion ensued as to the rate of discharge. Ms. Wetmore provided a detailed visual description of an average day and peak day flows within the plant and the outfall. It was decided that the consultant and Mr. McClimon would research the rate of discharge to use within Section 1.1 of the Operational Certificate.

Dave and Davie

The EPCOR representatives provided an update on the success of the plant capacity during the heavy rainfall on January 7th, 2009.

It was noted that the toxicity test may be required within the MSR and it will be confirmed after receiving feedback from the Ministry of Environment.

Dave Forgie

The EPCOR representatives provided information as to the proposed water re-use at the plant for wash down purposes and Mr. Forgie was asked to investigate the internal treatment standards and if it is required as an inclusion in the Operational Certificate.

6. **Implementation Plan**

Mr. Forgie overviewed the completed tasks.

A discussion ensued as to the committee's opinion regarding discharges into the Harbour and Basin. It was reaffirmed that there was to be no discharges into the Harbour and Basin or into watercourses leading into the Harbour and Basin.

The committee discussed the process of septic systems and the sensitivity of watershed and it was noted that there are controls in place for approval of septic systems.

The committee discussed on-site septic systems management through a servicing bylaw and it was decided that a public-private program should be presented at the next public open house.

Staff

The committee discussed the treatment plant capacity and the possibility of extending the sewer area. The committee requires environmental data to be incorporated so that the committee can rank the areas of environmental concerns for priorities for sewers. Staff will provide the data for the CRD and Ministry of Environment to Mr. Forgie.

Laura

7. **Stage 3 LWMP progress and schedule**

Mr. Forgie advised that a draft plan should be available in March and that the public consultation would be held in April presenting components of the draft.

Next Meetings:

February 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. (tentative)
March 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Dave Mclimmon
Chair

Evan Parliament,
Chief Administrative Officer