

Municipal Council Resolution on public sewage treatment in the Capital Regional District

Below is a sample resolution for municipal councils in the CRD. The goal of this resolution is to urge municipalities to take a stand in support of publicly operated and financed sewage treatment and to give residents of the Capital Regional District the information and the opportunity to participate in these decisions.

Resolution re: **Procurement of Capital Regional District Sewage Treatment**

Because: decisions about procurement are amongst the most crucial sewage treatment decisions the Capital Regional District will make; and

Because: consultants for the CRD have undertaken a lengthy review of sewage procurement issues and provided the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee with a workshop on the subject; and

Because: the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee did not receive the promised discussion paper on procurement options and background October 7th, 2009 in advance of business case decisions by the full CRD Board which were originally scheduled for November; and

Because: it now appears no procurement information will be made public before February at the earliest; and

Because: there has been no engagement or consultation with citizens about procurement issues, even though CRD managers and consultants are actively examining options for public/private partnerships and other privatized operation of sewage treatment;

The (name of city) ----resolves that:

1. This Council urge the Capital Regional District to immediately release to the public all background and discussion papers on sewage treatment procurement and the business case;
2. This Council request that the Capital Regional District immediately enter into a meaningful public engagement process with the general public about sewage treatment procurement options; and
3. This Council opposes public/private partnerships for CRD sewage treatment because such arrangements are expensive, unaccountable and risky; and
4. This Council go on record in support of public financing, operation and maintenance of all aspects of sewage treatment in the Capital Regional District

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