City of Victoria Hosts Meeting on Wastewater Treatment

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria is holding a meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7pm at Crystal Garden to talk about wastewater treatment in the municipality. This meeting is the start of the discussion about a wastewater treatment plant in Victoria.

The City of Victoria supports wastewater treatment and is open to hosting a treatment facility. It is essential that the community guides how these facilities are integrated into neighbourhoods and what amenities are included.

There are a number of sites in Victoria that have been considered for a wastewater treatment facility. Currently Clover Point is the Capital Regional Districts’ (CRD) preferred site, however other sites and locations may be considered as the CRD completes its evaluation process; public feedback will help to inform this. As such, the City is developing a policy which will guide the assessment of an application from the CRD and determine the suitability of wastewater treatment sites. The City is approaching the development of this guiding policy from a City-wide perspective, addressing issues at Clover Point as well as discussing issues and opportunities at other sites within the City. In order to determine the suitability of any site for a treatment plant, the City needs to understand the key issues and considerations for the community.

Victoria residents have an important role in developing the policy and helping to inform the final wastewater plant. Monday’s meeting will be the first of many opportunities for the public to learn about the process, as well as how Victoria residents can shape the policy. The meeting will provide information about the regional process and the City’s role within it and will start to seek feedback from the community to help shape the process going forward.

Information about the Monday April 25 Information Session can be found at www.victoria.ca/wastewater

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