



Guiding Principles: Wastewater Treatment in Esquimalt

Recognizing the need for sewage treatment in the core area of the Capital Regional District, the Township of Esquimalt will continue its cooperative approach, consistent with the City of Victoria, for the selection, design and siting of a wastewater treatment plant based on a two-or-three plant distributed system, preferably with tertiary treatment, based on these guiding principles:

1. Community involvement with a respectful CRD communication strategy and protocol throughout every stage of selection, design, preparation, construction, development, and on-going operation.
2. An aesthetically pleasing, environmentally LEEDing, primarily underground development, with integrated mixed-use and recreational appeal, such that the development is known for more than just the site of a sewage treatment plant.
3. Density, massing and design respectful of, and integrated into, the surrounding community.
4. Technologically impressive development with odour elimination, noise reduction, significant contribution to a regional reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, cost-efficient resource recovery and incorporating other advanced technologies.
5. Comparable in size to the proposed Clover Point plant, with west-side and east-side plants handling their current respective sewage flows.
6. No anaerobic digestion to be located in Esquimalt.
7. Resilience to natural disasters, compliance with Federal and Provincial guidelines, but all without compromising environmental protection and enhancement.
8. A significant community hosting/ zoning amenity package to the satisfaction of the Township for the greater benefit of Esquimalt residents and businesses.
9. Respectful community impact mitigation during site preparation and construction, emphasizing safety, timeliness and nuisance reduction, to the satisfaction of the Township for the greater benefit of affected Esquimalt residents and businesses.
10. An on-going operating impact mitigation agreement, including consideration of conveyancing to Hartland and compromised tax base, to the satisfaction of the Township for the greater benefit of Esquimalt residents and businesses.

These principles may be modified following further public consultation.