

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Sewage Management Advisory Committee held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 in the CVRD Civic Room at 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay, commencing at 9:03 am

**PRESENT:**

Via Zoom	T. Kushner, Deputy CAO	City of Courtenay
Via Zoom	S. Ashfield, Director of Operations	Town of Comox
Via Zoom	C. Perry, Public Works Superintendent	Town of Comox
In person	M. Rutten, General Manager of Engineering Services	CVRD
In person	K. La Rose, Senior Manager of Water/Wastewater Services	CVRD
Via Zoom	M. Imrie, Manager of Wastewater Services	CVRD
Via Zoom	C. Gore, Manager of Capital Projects	CVRD
In person	J. Warren, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer	CVRD
Via Zoom	C. Wile, Manager of External Relations	CVRD
In person	J. Boguski, Engineering Services Assistant/Recording Secretary	CVRD

**ITEMS:**

**Management report**

The committee reviewed the January 2021 Comox Valley Sewage Management Advisory Committee management report no errors or omissions were noted.

**Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the November 26, 2020 Sewage Management Advisory Committee meeting and no errors or omissions were noted.

**Discussion item: Comox Valley Sewerage Service Liquid Waste Management Plan Conveyance**

Kris La Rose provided an overview and PowerPoint presentation. Recommendation to pursue conveyance option two based on new information provided from value engineering report that concludes that the existing conveyance pipe from Courtenay Pump Station to Jane Place Pump Station is not suitable for the sewer application, long term.

Christianne Wile joined the meeting via Zoom at 9:13

Advisory comments:

Members discussed the risks and benefits of using the full lifespan of the existing pipe versus replacing at this point in time, and the associated cost impacts. Discussion of Comox amenities approach and timing, Courtenay Pump Station retrofit/rebuild and siting assessment, Lazo HDD approach and assessment and proposed project timing.

Members briefly discussed how “wire reinforced” pre-stressed concrete pipe could have originally been selected for use in a sewer application given that it is now known to be unsuitable for this application. It is likely that costs savings at the time of installation was a driving factor.

Advisory supports the recommendation

**Discussion item: Biosolids land application**

Kris La Rose provided a summary of the Campbell River Environmental Committee's concerns over a land application of biosolids processing on Hamm Road. A briefing note on the subject was presented.

Advisory comments:

There were no comments or questions from the advisory committee.

**Comox Valley Sewerage System flows reports**

The committee reviewed the November 2020 Comox Valley Sewerage System flows reports. CFB Comox Pump Station construction is complete, data logger is hooked up again.

There were no comments or questions from the advisory committee.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:**

**Minutes**

The committee reviewed the in-camera minutes of the November 26, 2020 Sewage Management Advisory Committee meeting and no errors or omissions were noted.

**Municipal Service/Project Updates**

Town of Comox are conducting inflow & infiltration inspections of the sewer system.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**GENERAL:**

Next Sewage Management Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 commencing at 9:00 am in the CVRD Civic Room at 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay.

**TERMINATION:**

The meeting terminated at 10:13 am.

Recorded by:

*J. Boguski*

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Engineering Services Assistant/Recording  
Secretary

Certified correct:

*M. Rutten*

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General Manager of Engineering Services