

Public Consultation Intent

As required by Ministry guidelines, we are required to take the Stage 1 report to the community for feedback. This stage 1 document is essentially a long-list of possible options for managing wastewater that has been developed by the consultant with input from the advisory committee members. In the later stages 2 and 3, these options will be short-listed and analyzed by cost and other criteria, then shared with community through more open houses, etc, before any recommendations are made to the regional board.

Public Consultation Objectives

- Increase awareness of work done on Area East LWMP and progress to-date
- Seek input from residents and businesses on the long list of options identified to-date
- Solicit any new ideas that could be considered
- Gain feedback on potential criteria that could be used to create a short-list of options
- Educate homeowners on the proper care and maintenance of septic tanks, new rules regarding installation, and various methods of wastewater treatment as identified in the long list of options.

Proposed Strategies

- Proposed at last meeting to hold two open houses with a strong focus on septic tank education
- Tentative dates and locations: June 13 and 14 at Ellison and Joe Rich Community Halls
- Each would feature educational displays from the RDCO, Interior Health, a septic hauler and others as identified. (Ideas welcome!)
- Each would be promoted as a community social (e.g.: a “Septic Tank Social), including a free draw for a septic pump-out
- Promotional materials would include:
 - A newsletter/poster mailed to each home promoting the event as well as providing information about the LWMP options and septic tank care
 - Advertising in the RDCO section in the Capital News
 - Advertising/ article in the community newsletters (Joe Rich and Ellison)
 - Public service announcements on local radio stations
 - Info on RDCO phone “on hold” system and web site
 - Notices to community groups
 - Laminated posters for community halls and community mailboxes
 - Joe Rich sign board



Action Items for Committee Members

- Your help is important. If you have any ideas for more ways to spread the word such as knowing any neighbourhood group contacts, assisting with putting notices on mailboxes and sign boards, or any additional ideas for promoting or hosting these events, please email janenns@shaw.ca or call 769-3627.
- Your support in promoting through word of mouth and by attending and helping to host is greatly appreciated!

Next Advisory Committee Meeting: May 9th, 4-6pm at the RDCO office

- Draft samples of the materials will be available prior to meeting in order to finalize at the meeting on the 9th.

For more info contact: Jan Enns at 769-3627 or janenns@shaw.ca. Thank you!