

Minutes of the **Liquid Waste Management Plan** Advisory Committee Meeting  
#3 of the Regional District of Central Okanagan held at Regional District Offices,  
1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC, on May 9, 2007 @ 4:00 p.m. Kaloya Room

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Members:	Edna Thiessen	Ellison Area Resident
	Bob Calder	Sunset Ranch Golf Course (Ellison area)
	Emma Rantucci	Joe Rich area resident
	Jules Morris	Joe Rich area resident
	Gundie Volk	Interior Health, Senior Public Health Inspector (Presenter)
	Hilary Hettinga	Director of Engineering, RDCO
	Tim Forty	Quaran Environmental
	Jan Enns	Jan Enns Communications
	Al Strachan	Country View Estates (Ellison area)
	Ken Arcuri	Director of Planning, RDCO
Absent:	Carl Withler	Ministry of Agriculture
	Bill Berry	Wastewater Manager, City of Kelowna
	Conrad Pryce	Ministry of Environment
	Budge Winter	Joe Rich area resident
	Trudy Peterson WFN, also on behalf of Jim Mountain, Dan Brown	
	Bob Hrasko	Sunset Ranch Golf Course (Ellison area)
	Keith Duhaime	Agricultural Support Office for the RD
	Ray King	Public Health Inspector, Interior Health
	Martin Collins	Agricultural Land Commission
	Don Darling	Manager of Engineering, RDCO
	Jean-Francois Ferry	Environment Canada

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jan Enns welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the Advisory Committee to develop the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) for Central Okanagan Area East. The main purpose of today's meeting is:

- Review plans and materials for public consultation
- Review options that will be presented

Round table introductions followed.

## 2. OPENING REMARKS, JAN ENNS

Jan thanked the committee members on behalf of the RDCO and provided the review of last meeting:

- Gundie Volk, IH - Changes made by province to septic tank approval process
- TF - Options by area
- JE - Preliminary plans for PC

## 3. NEXT STEPS, HILARY HETTINGA

Hilary reviewed the next steps in the process (create a shortlist of options, review and make recommendations to take to public and eventually for the Regional Board to consider and help guide their decision-making with regards to possible

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wastewater management options for the area). As the process continues, the RDCO is hopeful that the committee members will continue to participate in the process.

Your contribution is important and valued in helping to develop workable options for the area. RDCO will do everything we can to keep you informed the easiest way possible.

**4. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING)**

Discussion on Installers:

- o ACTION: Jan to see if Saura and Sons can attend as part of open houses
- o ACTION: Gundie to check on insurance requirements

Discussion on Inspections Department checking for installation certificate:

- o Not currently required however could be added

Discussion on clarification of current City policy that requires an area to join the City of Kelowna in order to receive sewer services:

- o In discussions with Bill Berry, Wastewater Manager for the City of Kelowna Hilary clarified that the current policy of the City is to require an area to join in order to benefit from the sewer service provided. It was recognized that this is a policy decision of Council and beyond the scope of staff.

Discussion on cost to install a septic system:

- o ACTION: Jan to research (note: have since checked with local Saura and Sons Installers and BC On-Site Sewage Association and confirmed that a basic systems can start around \$7,500- \$10,000 and go up from there depending on type of system)

**5. PRESENTATION ON PLANS AND MATERIALS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION, JAN, TIM**

Jan reviewed the plans for public consultation as per the input received at the last meeting. To hold two open houses, one in Ellison (June 13) and one in Joe Rich (June 14) from 5pm to 8pm (displays from 5-7pm and presentation at 7pm) with a Septic Tank Social theme to try to increase interest! Presentation to include:

- o Hilary – welcomes, why here, why important
- o Gundie – septic tank care and new provincial approval system as of 2005
- o Tim – LWMP overview, challenges, options

Displays expanded to include:

- o Sun Valley Septic (also donating two free pump-outs)
- o Saura and Sons (septic system planners and installers – as recommended by committee at this meeting and have since agreed to participate)
- o Interior Health (includes new demonstration model of how water flows through ground)
- o Regional Waste Reduction Office (water conservation/ waste reduction)
- o RDCO - 16 display panels on the LWMP process, treatment, and possible options for the area.

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A newsletter will be sent to all homes as well as ads in local papers. In addition, the following items were agreed to:

- Distribution of one page poster to mailboxes, local areas for posting – Jules (10 copies laminated) and Al (6 copies laminated)
- Notice on Joe Rich sign board - Jules
- Notice on sign by school and Scotty Creek – Jan, Edna
- Noted that there is a public meeting for the Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Hilary to attend and announce Open Houses.
- Attendance at open houses to help with hosting:
  - Joe Rich: Jules, Emma
  - Ellison: Al, Edna

**ACTION:** Jan to contact other committee members to see who else can attend

Jan reviewed options as they will be presented in newsletter and display panels.

Discussion:

- Concern over options that seem highly unlikely (e.g. Sunset Ranch to switch from City sewer to RDCO built plant). Tim confirmed that according to Ministry guidelines, all possible options need to be identified, however unlikely. Such options would likely not make the short-list as practical, feasible, and publicly acceptable options.
- Concern over option for a bylaw that requires homes to pump-out at certain times/frequencies (hard to enforce, can be inequitable, etc.). Tim confirmed that according to Ministry guidelines, all possible options need to be identified, however unlikely, and that such options may not make the short- list.
- Comments from Bill Berry, City of Kelowna Wastewater Manager read into meeting in particular, he noted that *“Option 5 states that the Scotty Creek area could petition the City to request sewer service BUT remain in the RDCO. This request may be received, but denied, depending on the interpretation of the Council Policy and City Council's current desire. I can't provide a certain answer about this option at this point, but I wanted to make sure that it is stated that this request might not be accepted.”*
- Minor edits made to materials.
- **ACTION:** Jan to incorporate changes for both newsletter and display panels. Noted that timelines for newsletter production are very tight. (Note: print version of newsletter attached to these minutes).

Tim gave a brief overview of the presentation he will make at the Open Houses.

- **ACTION:** agreed that it would be desirable for the combined length of time for all three presentations be 30 to 45 minutes long.

**6. ADMINISTRIVIA**

- Materials will be sent by email. Anyone requesting a hard copy can simply reply back and we'll send!

**7. NEXT STEPS**

- Next Meeting: See you at the Open Houses Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm at Ellison Heritage School Community Hall and Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm at Joe Rich Community Hall

- If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please feel free to submit directly to: [lwmp@cord.bc.ca](mailto:lwmp@cord.bc.ca) or call Jan at 769-3627.
- Thank you for your time, energy, and interest!

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:00P.M.**

***These minutes are in the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors.***