

RDCO Westside Sewer Bylaw Amendment

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

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Background

- Bylaw 1315 regulates sewer use of all wastewater entering the Westside Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WRWTP)
- High strength wastewater releases are using excessive plant capacity
- Some businesses are required to install pretreatment
- RDCO staff have completed site inspections, and issued compliance orders
- When education focused efforts to address non-compliant wastewater releases are unsuccessful, financial penalties are the next course of action

Proposed Changes

- Enables the RDCO to apply financial penalties up to the maximum allowable by legislation
- Proposed amended ticket values as outlined in the attached Report s
- With the option to apply up to the maximum financial penalties, and in conjunction with the proposed amended ticket values, the RDCO can issue up to:
 - \$50,000 long form penalties
 - \$3,000 tickets, per day, per offence

Current Status and Next Steps

- RDCO current practice is to:
 - Leads with engagement and warnings
 - Provides ample time for compliance
- Next Steps:
 - When feasible, the RDCO will continue to lead with engagement, warnings and provides reasonable time for compliance
 - Adjust the bylaw to enable maximum financial penalties
 - Complete broad, random sampling, targeting already warned/notified businesses
 - Continue to expand sampling scope and testing
 - Apply financial penalties directly against businesses*, in collaboration with local community Bylaw or Operations teams (*WFN has a unique process outlined in the Board Report)

Recommendation

All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

Bylaw adoption requires 2/3 majority (LGA s.228)

THAT Regional Board give first, second and third readings to Bylaw No.1565, Amendment No. 1 to Westside Sewer System Bylaw No. 1315, 2012;

AND THAT the Regional Board adopt Bylaw No.1565, Amendment No. 1 to Westside Sewer System Bylaw No. 1315, 2012.



Thank you