

Westside Liquid Waste Management Plan Update

Regional District of Central Okanagan Electoral Area Services Committee

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Purpose / Objective

To inform the Electoral Area Services Committee regarding next steps for the Westside Liquid Waste Management Plan update.

Background

- What is a LWMP?

- Framework for Liquid Waste Management
- Informed through Public Engagement
- 3-Stage process (2 - 3 years to complete)
- Once approved, regulatory tool (*Environmental Management Act*)

How does the LWMP impact Electoral Areas?

Background - 1.0 Hectare Policy

- LWMP impacts sub-division within the West Electoral Area
- RDCO Westside LWMP
 - ***THAT*** the Regional District ensure that no new lots, less than one hectare in size, are created unless they are on community sewer.
 - This is the '1.0 Hectare Policy'
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 - 1.0 Hectare Policy ensures land for a 2nd system, if the 1st fails
 - Local Governments can access grants for adhering to the policy
 - RDCO has successfully applied for >\$2.0 million

1.0 Hectare Policy - Alternatives

- 1.0 Hectare Policy alternatives may be included in LWMP
 - Properly implemented alternatives allow for local governments to continue to access grants.
 - RDCO has clear direction on alternatives from Province
 - Alternatives come with a financial cost, and requirement for Regional District oversight
 - Future engagement with residents, businesses, and health authorities will be required as part of the LWMP update

Background

2025 Pre-Planning Work

Coordinate with Partners

Validate Assumptions



2026 – 2028 Liquid Waste Management Plan

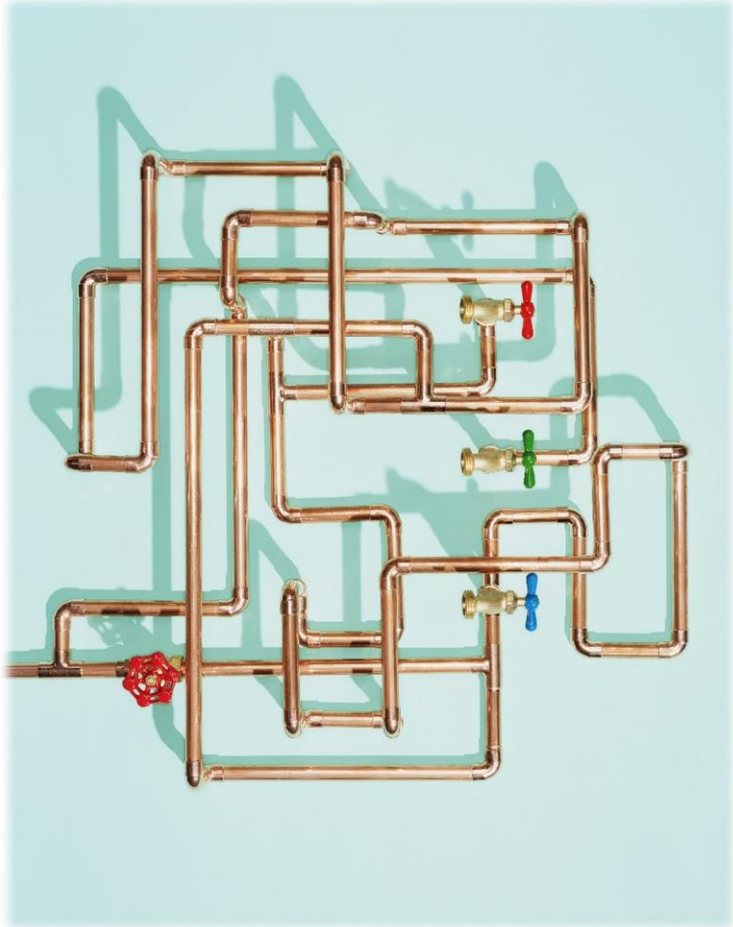
Evaluate
Options

Schedule
Infrastructure

Engage Public

Validate
Financing

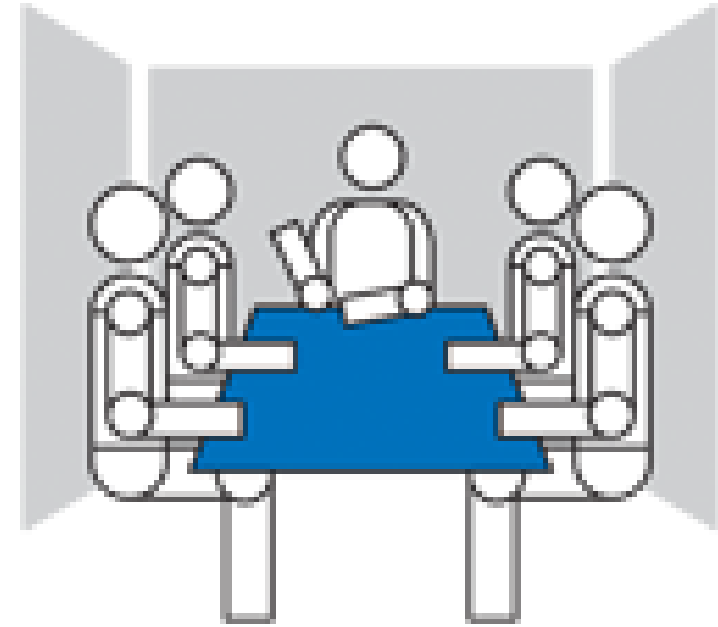
Guiding principles



- Develop a better understanding of system capacity, condition, and issues
- Improve collaboration and communication between technical staff
- Invest in infrastructure to support local growth and provide high-quality, reliable service
- Ensure distribution of costs and responsibilities are fair and clear for all partners and residents

LWMP update process

- Board resolution to initiate process
- Initiate Public Engagement
- Consultation
- Three-stage update
 - Inventory of existing conditions and projections
 - Detailed evaluation and preferred options
 - Summary of LWMP, financing, and implementation schedule
- Ministry approval



Recommendation

THAT the Electoral Area Services Committee receives the 2026 Westside Liquid Waste Management Plan update from the Associate Director of Engineering dated March 5, 2026 for information.



Thank you