

Presenting an Educational Forum
“Understanding Wastewater Management in Victoria –
Do we have the RIGHT plan?”

7-9 pm Thursday May 26, 2011
at SJ Willis High School Auditorium, 923 Topaz Ave., Victoria

May 1, 2011

Dear: Residents of Greater Victoria

There is much doubt that a land-based sewage treatment plant belongs anywhere in Victoria. Now there is another regional mega-project to consider, light rail transit. For the first time, citizens across Victoria have the opportunity to collectively explore more information about Wastewater Management from experts who have no commercial stake in the outcome, apart from being reliable taxpayers like the rest of us.

We are organizing an educational forum, with speakers from a variety of disciplines and an opportunity for questions from the floor. Headlining the speakers panel will be Dr. Jack Littlepage, Dr. Andrea Copping, Dr. Richard Stanwick, Dr. Rebecca Warburton and Dr. Shaun Peck.

The Forum will offer up-to-date information about:

- Victoria’s marine environment and the impact of our current and proposed systems ,
- Human health concerns with the current and proposed systems,
- Resource recovery opportunities; sludge disposal concerns,
- The effect of present and proposed regulations,
- Economic and social impacts; cost-benefit analysis,
- Specific recommendations regarding the best environmental bang for the buck.

We are seeking your support for this Forum. Please contact the Directors of your local neighbourhood association and indicate your interest in gaining more knowledge about this issue. Encourage your Directors to support the Forum. **Most importantly, please come out for an informative evening on May 26 if you are interested in learning more.**

This is an important regional issue, demanding a broad, grassroots level of engagement. It’s the largest infrastructure project ever undertaken in Victoria. It will add several hundred dollars to everyone’s tax bill for years and years. It is important to get it right! If we are to influence our municipal councils, and through them the CRD, we need to fully understand the options.

Yours, sincerely,



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DRAFT Agenda

Regulatory Framework: Prov/Fed (5min)

Dr. Shaun Peck (MD)

Marine-based Sewage Treatment in Victoria(20 min)

- Our Current System, Source Control (5min)
- Receiving Environment, Marine Impact(10min)
- Human Health Concerns at Outfalls, Shorelines(5min)

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Dr. Jack Littlepage (UVic)

Dr. R. Stanwick (CMHO VIHA)

Land-based Sewage Treatment (10 min)

- Siting: economic & social impacts(5min)
- Resource Recovery, Sludge (5min)

Bruce Cuthbert(ERA)

Bob Furber (Chem Eng)

Cost Benefits Analysis (5min)

Dr. Rebecca Warburton (Econ, UVic)

Improving Victoria’s Marine Env’t (5min)

Mgr, Marine & Coastal Waters, Pacific Northwest Nat’l Laboratory, US Dept of Energy)

Dr. Andrea Copping (Sr Program

Wrap Up (5min)

John Bergbusch

Open Mike Questions (>60min)