



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of July 2, 2020

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** June 19, 2020
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proposed Capital Regional District Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service Establishment Bylaw No. 4304

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consent to the adoption of Capital Regional District Bylaw 4304, "Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2020"

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached for Council's consideration is an amendment to the CRD Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service Establishment Bylaw. The specifics to the bylaw amendments are identified in the attached CRD staff reports and accompanying attachments.

The Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project is under construction and will be completed by December 2020. Once complete, the entire Core Area wastewater system will be connected together and operate as a single, integrated system with tertiary treatment at McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is necessary to update the Bylaw to reflect the system infrastructure changes, conveyance and treatment capacity allocations, and operating and capital cost apportionment methodologies. The proposed change in the cost allocation formula is reasonable to support the operation as a single system and will simplify how the costs are apportioned. For Council's awareness, based on information provided by CRD staff there may be a slight impact to Victoria utility ratepayers. The impact will vary annually subject to actual flows from each municipality. For the City of Victoria there will be an opportunity to lower costs by reducing inflow and infiltration flows. For the capital component, the overall cost remains unchanged although year over year changes may vary depending on the phasing of capital upgrades over time. For the operating component, there may be a minimal increase (less than 1%) in the cost share for Victoria; the exact impact cannot be determined at this time.

The amended bylaw would replace Bylaw No. 2312, and also sets out a method for acquiring additional capacity and dispute resolution processes for the new core area wastewater system.

City Engineering and Finance staff have reviewed and support the bylaw changes.

To be able to adopt the bylaw, a two-thirds majority of municipal participants and approval of the Inspector of Municipalities is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Coates
City Clerk



Susanne Thompson
Deputy City Manager/CFO



Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager: _____

Date: June 24, 2020

List of Attachments:

- Appendix A: Letter dated May 15, 2020 from the CRD
- Appendix B: CRD Bylaw No. 4304
- Appendix C: CRD Bylaw No. 2312
- Appendix D: CRD Staff Report with appendices – July 17, 2019
- Appendix E: CRD Staff Report – May 13, 2020
- Appendix F: CRD Core Area Flow Allocation Methodology Summary