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# McLoughlin Point plant can look great

Recent letters have raised concerns about the use of McLoughlin Point for a wastewater facility.

McLoughlin Point is more than half a kilometre away from residential neighbourhoods in Esquimalt on an isolated point of land. The property is surrounded by Department of National Defence lands, which makes it unlikely that a public access pathway will be possible.

The facility will be quiet and odourfree.

There are many examples in North America and around the world of wastewater treatment facilities that are designed to fit into their local surroundings. In Edmonds, Wash., a wastewater treatment facility exists which has become a destination for locals and tourists alike. Architectural treatment has rendered the facility eye-pleasing and unobtrusive; the Capital Regional District has similar plans for the facility at McLoughlin Point.

The McLoughlin facility will not produce water for reuse. Our current piping infrastructure is not designed to use treated wastewater and the new infrastructure needed for such use is not costeffective.

Our region is fortunate to have an extremely affordable, plentiful supply of drinking water; reclaimed water from wastewater effluent would need to be offered at a higher cost than our current water supply in order to recoup costs. Judy Brownoff, chairwoman Liquid waste management committee Capital Regional District

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