

# **Public Consultation** Summary Report

Saanich East

Wastewater Treatment Facility Siting

Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project

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This report serves as a summary of the key findings of the public consultation program for the Saanich East treatment facility held in April and May 2010.

### About the Wastewater Treatment Project

The CRD Board submitted Amendment 7 to the Province in December 2009. The amendment, which identifies the locations of wastewater facilities, was subsequently approved by the Minister of Environment. Contained in the amendment was an identification of four treatment plant facility sites, including the West Shore, Esquimalt, Clover Point and Saanich East's Finnerty-Arbutus site. The CRD last consulted with the residents of Saanich East and North Oak Bay in Summer 2009, when options for a local treatment plant location were being investigated. Finnerty-Arbutus, the identified site in Amendment 7.

#### The structure of the report:

- Overview and General Observations
- Community Engagement Framework for the Core Area Wastewater Project
- Key Challenges and Opportunities Expressed
- Comment Form and Summary
- Online Public Queries Summary
- Supporting Documents



## Overview and General Observations

This report is brought forward to the CALWMC for information purposes only.



This report serves as a summary of the key findings of the public consultation program for siting a treatment facility in the Saanich East catchment area which were held in April and May 2010.

This public participation process was implemented within the context of the Community Engagement Framework and specifically the public process outcomes documented in the 22 July 2009 report. CRD staff provided a further update on the public process 24 March 2010.

The information contained in this report was collected and analyzed from 65 comment forms received; 28 paper responses and 37 online responses. There were also 13 online queries received which are documented in Appendix 7.

Contained within some of the comment forms, where a preferred treatment facility location was identified, some residents also recorded additional concerns regarding the need for treatment at all. Their first preference was that no treatment facility be built in the Saanich East area. Those concerns are documented in the various appendixes of the report.

An additional 48 comment forms were received which indicated 'no treatment facility' in the Finnerty-Arbutus location.

Throughout the public events, CRD staff witnessed a high degree of aggressiveness and distress amongst some participants.

CRD Staff will look to incorporate best practices in future public processes which discourage these types of behaviours. This to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to participate and share their own views in a neutral and safe environment.

## Community Engagement Framework for the Core Area Wastewater Project

At the 8 April 2009 CALWMC meeting, the Community Engagement Framework was endorsed and therefore all subsequent public participation programs and events are designed, developed and aligned to this Framework. Intertwined throughout the entire public participation work is an ongoing need for public education therefore, Pillar 1 has become the 'backbone' for each stage of the public process. The results of the public process for Pillars 2 and 3 are documented in the report of 27 May 2009. The Community Principles for the project should be reviewed, analyzed and aligned with each critical decision making stage.

Pillar 1 Educational and Information (Ongoing)

Pillar 2 Community Dialogues (April 2009)

Pillar 3 Community Validations (May 2009)

Pillar 4 Neighbourhood Based Workshops – Step 1  
Step 1) Specific facility site process  
Step 2) Mitigation, design and fit for a facility

The Forth Pillar – Step 1 of the Framework specifically relates to this report.





## Neighbourhood Based Workshops for Saanich East Treatment Facility

In March 2010, CRD Staff provided an update to the CALWMC on the public process for siting a treatment facility in the Saanich East area.

On 13 April, CRD staff and Westland Consultants invited the following community partners to share the upcoming public process, listen to their concerns and respond to questions.

- Cadboro Bay Residents Association
- Goward House Society
- University of Victoria
- Frank Hobbs School
- Arbutus School
- Pearkes Day Care Facility
- Queen Alexander Foundation
- Sisters of St. Ann

In a real effort to reach out and include residents who were directly impacted by the potential treatment facility; correspondence was mailed to each household within a 200 meter radius of the Finnerty-Arbutus property. The correspondence is included in Appendix 2.

An Open House was held on 20 April 2010 at the Queenswood Centre from 3pm to 9pm. Appendix 3 documents the Comment Form and Summary of comments gathered, a total of 115 different residents attended.

### Purpose / Objectives:

- An opportunity for the community to gain a better understanding of CALWMC decisions and subsequent work CRD staff undertook regarding sites
- An opportunity for CRD staff to listen and gain better understanding of community concerns
- To gather and respectfully record community input (challenges and opportunities) on the various sites for consideration by the CALWMC
- For the community and the CRD to better understand and apply the siting criteria that was developed in 2007
- For the CALWMC to have transparency surrounding information and decisions
- For the community to have an awareness of the diversity of opinions and concerns that people have and move towards a degree of community agreement on a site

In addition to completing a Comment Form, participants were also offered a number of other diverse ways to have their comments and feedback recorded. Appendix 4 documents the comments from the interactive exercise while Appendix 5 documents the flip chart notes from the facilitated Work Cafe exercise.



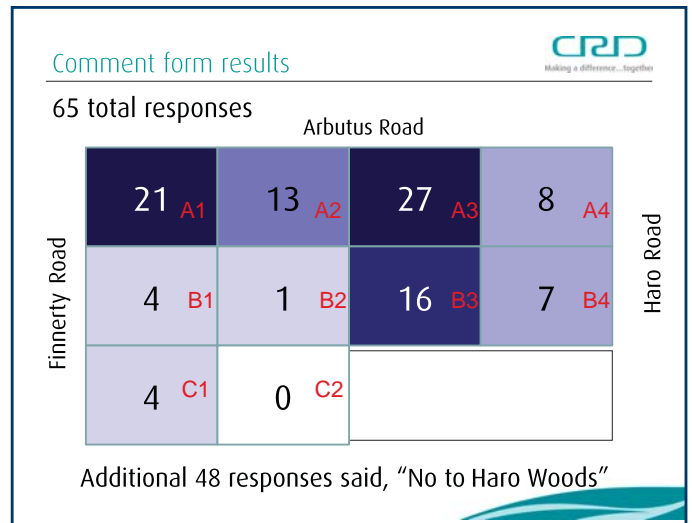
Following the Open House, a Validation Session was held on 12 May 2010 at the Queenswood Centre from 7pm to 9pm and a total of 17 different residents attended.

The Validation Session presentation is included in Appendix 6 of this report along with additional questions gathered from an open floor question and answer period.

**Purpose / Objectives:**

- An opportunity for the public to hear the information/input gathered through the varies methods (online and paper) regarding siting a treatment facility
- For the CRD to be transparent in what is being recommended to the CALWMC
- An opportunity for residents to ask questions of technical staff and consultants

The Saanich East study area from the brochure, and responses shown in Slide 11 of the presentation.



Slide 12 of the presentation summarizes the public input streams.

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Limitations of results

- Results represent the responses received (not a statistically valid sample)
- Some responses picked multiple locations
- No verification that each person only filled out one comment form
- No assurance that only local residents filled out the comment form



## Key Challenges and Opportunities Expressed

The following challenges were repeatedly heard:

- Overwhelming concerns were heard over the need and, questioning for, sewage treatment on the Finnerty-Arbutus property
- Repeated concerns were expressed regarding the potential for financial impacts to property values, increased traffic and ongoing noise and odors from a treatment facility
- Concerns over the lack of written confirmation for funding from the province and federal levels of government

The following opportunities were heard repeatedly:

- A strong need for more public input into the design of the treatment facility once a site is selected
- A need to integrate the treatment facility into the natural landscape and lessen the impact
- The need/desire to explore various partnerships with University of Victoria

## Comment Form and Summary

Appendix 3 contains a copy of the Comment Form and subsequent Summary Report which was available online and at the Open Houses. Similar to past public processes, baseline information was gathered in four questions, and four additional questions were posed related to siting choices. A total 65 Comment Forms were completed and responses are organized by question. Responses to Question 3 will assist CRD Staff and consultants with future siting work.

## Online Public Queries Summary

Appendix 7 contains the summary of the 22 emails received from April 1 to May 31, 2010.



## Supporting Documents

Appendix 1 – Copy of media ad for Open House (20 April 2010) and Validation Session (12 May 2010)

Appendix 2 - Copy of the Information Brochure and correspondence sent to residents

Appendix 3 - Comment Form and Summary

Appendix 4 – Comments from the interactive exercise offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)

Appendix 5 - Flip Chart Notes from World Cafe exercise offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)

Appendix 6 - Presentation for Validation Session and questions from Question and Answer Period (12 May 2010)

Appendix 7 – Online Public Queries Summary



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Capital Regional District	
<b>Notice of Neighbourhood Open House</b> <b>Wastewater Treatment Project</b> <b>Saanich East Site Selection Process</b>	
<p>In December 2009, the CRD Board submitted the Liquid Waste Management Plan Amendment #7 to the Province. The amendment, which identifies the system and locations of wastewater facilities to protect our environment and communities, was subsequently approved by the Minister of Environment.</p> <p>The system includes the construction of three treatment plants—a plant in the West Shore, a plant in Saanich East and a plant at McLoughlin Point in Esquimalt. An energy facility is also being considered for Upper Victoria Harbour and a wet weather facility for Clover Point.</p> <p>In Summer 2009, the CRD consulted with Saanich East and North Oak Bay residents on siting, when options for a local treatment plant location were being investigated. Finnerty-Arbutus, the identified site in Amendment 7, will provide the least expensive option for a plant in the area and will avoid the need for attenuation tanks on the site and upgrades to the downstream conveyance facilities.</p> <p>Comments from some residents, and the CRD's consultants, raised the suggestion of adjusting the facility site to an adjoining parcel of land owned by the District of Saanich.</p> <p><b>The CRD would like your input on the location of the wastewater facility. All residents are welcome to attend.</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Open House</b> <b>Tuesday, April 20, 2010</b> <b>3-9pm (drop in)</b> <b>Queenswood Centre</b> <b>2494 Arbutus Road, Cadboro Bay</b></p> <p>For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.wastewatermadeclear.ca">www.wastewatermadeclear.ca</a> or call <b>250.360.3001</b>.</p>	







## Appendix 2 - Supporting Documents

### Information Brochure and Correspondence Sent to Residents

April 5, 2010

Dear (First –First Name) (First – Last Name) and (Second –First Name) (Second –Last Name),

The year 2009 has been a momentous one in the history of the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Program. I write to you now with an update on the project itself and a call for your assistance in the weeks to come. The wastewater treatment program, key to the continued health and safety of our region’s residents and ecosystems, needs the continued participation of local residents to come to fruition successfully.

Since the last series of public consultation and validation sessions in Saanich East-North Oak Bay, many decisions have advanced the wastewater project significantly. On December 14, 2009 the CRD submitted Amendment 7 to the Ministry of Environment, which details a comprehensive plan for treatment in the Core Area. Included in the amendment are treatment plants sites for Saanich East, the West Shore, Victoria and Esquimalt. In Saanich East, the Finnerty-Arbutus property was selected for a wastewater facility.

In last year’s public consultation, however, many residents suggested locating the facility on the adjacent Saanich-owned property, which has lower ecological values. The CRD wants to know where on the Saanich or CRD-owned properties you think the facility should be placed and what should be done with the residual lands not used for facility siting.

Two neighbourhood consultation sessions will occur in the next month, and I encourage you to attend in order to make your voice heard. Dates and times are on the back panel of the enclosed informational pamphlet.

If you are unable to attend the open house, you may also fill out an interactive survey online, at [www.wastewatremadeclear.ca](http://www.wastewatremadeclear.ca); if you don’t have access to the internet, please contact the CRD at 250.360.3001 and we will be pleased to mail you a paper survey and return envelope.

Yours Sincerely,

Judy Brownoff, Chair, Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee





## Appendix 3 - Supporting Documents

### Comment Form and Summary



Question 2: What are the reasons for your choice?	
1	I would like to see this building, if it must happen, as far away as possible from homes, the day care buildings.
2	Protection of trees in Queen Alexandra (QA) purchased site. Furthest away from detached residences. Minimal footprint
3	n/a
4	Not close to homes. Least disruption for access.
5	n/a
6	To minimize loss of mature trees but trying to not approach. Too close to Goward House and trails or QA property.
7	I think we should maximize tree buffer and available parkland. I would vote for A3 only if the CRD land becomes a park. If the remaining land is not designated a park, then perhaps B2 or B3 would be best as they would be well screened from the road.
8	1st choice: A3/B3 this is the furthest from most homes in the area, and it preserves the mature forest in the areas A1 B1 C1 A2 B2 C2. 2nd choice: A2/B2 this is also an adequate distance from homes and would make residential development of the rest of Haro Woods (especially in A1 B1 C1) less likely.
9	I live at 2361 Manhattan Place. The circled lot on the opposite page. When I bought I was told the zoning for the Haro/Arbutus bush was residential so I bought my home. Never in my wildest nightmares did I foresee sewage treatment that was in 1991. This is obscene.
10	Least invasive to other land uses.
11	I have worked with a weeding group cleaning the invasive out of Haro Woods by comparison with the CRD. Finnerty-Arbutus Woods this is a much more damaged area and therefore it would be better if a choice has to be made to sacrifice Haro Woods.
12	Because the inv? option of the sea is not offered.
13	I don't like any of it, but, it seems to be happening anyway. Are you not struck by the irony of destroying an urban oasis for a sewage plant?? Just keep it as low profile as possible.
14	Least amount of damage/destruction of mature trees.
15	Preserves the largest wooded area. It is buffered from adjacent residential use. Site on the most disturbed area. Potential to maintain a green corridor to Goward Park.
16	Do not put it anywhere in Haro Woods is my preference. If it must be do not put it in the areas I've noted (Q1). These areas are too close to residences and children. As well, the areas C1, C2, B2 and B3 would require roads through the other areas so it would disrupt more area in total. If it must be here make it as close to Arbutus Road as possible - less impact on residents, easier access to plant and less disruption of area for roads.
17	Would minimize impact on vegetation - already the most disturbed area.
18	Locate where fewest trees will be removed. Screen from Arbutus Road.
19	n/a
20	Save as much of the urban forest as possible.
21	The sewer pump station is there already and I think the rest of the area should be a public park.
22	Reduce use of "sloped" land.
23	A3 is less developed and out of all the other choices I think it would have the least impact.
24	n/a
25	The Saanich property (A3,2) would require less site preparation and less forest removal. Using the existing pumping station site is more cost effective; would alleviate restoration cost etc when replaced with treatment plant. A good site I believe might be as shown in the cross hatched plan (A2/A3) - which utilizes flattest land available.
26	1. Preserve Haro Woods as parkland/trails. 2. Use existing cleared area/lower value vegetation.
27	Furthest from my home.
28	Keeps existing large block of trees intact. Avoid sensitive vegetation. Buffers site from Goward Park.
29	Somewhere is A3 & A4 in the gaps in the trees. Keep it close to the road. Maybe right at the corner of Haro and Arbutus, if you make it look like a house. Model it on Goward House.
30	Farthest away from 2604 and 2608 Penrhyn St. We have endured many many days and years with the smell from the pumphouse at the bottom of Penrhyn St. Our biggest concern is are you going to be doing any changes to the existing pump house on Penrhyn St.? (gave a contact name and number to call - Todd to respond)



# Appendix 3 - Supporting Documents

## Comment Form and Summary

**Question 3: Please rank from one to three your most important considerations (one being the most important) for a location of the wastewater facility at Finnerty-Arbutus?**

Answers	Distance from houses	Distance from institutions (schools, daycares, etc.)	Distance from Minimizing changes to the site	Topography and drainage	Tree protection	Cost of construction and operation	Other	Comments re "Other"
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	
2	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	
3	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	
4	1	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	
5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
6	n/a	2	3	3	1	n/a	n/a	
7	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	3	n/a	1	remaining land made into parkland forested parkland
8	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	preserving urban parkland/maximizing green space corridor
9	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
10	1	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	
11	3	n/a	2	2	1	n/a	n/a	
12	2	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	
13	1	2	3	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	
14	3	4	2	2	1	5	n/a	
15	3	4	5	5	1	2	n/a	
16	1	3	5	5	6	4	2	loss of park area
17	n/a	n/a	3	3	1	2	n/a	
18	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	1	need set back from Arbutus
19	1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	
20	1	n/a	3	3	2	n/a	n/a	
21	2	n/a	3	3	1	n/a	n/a	
22	n/a	2	1	1	3	n/a	n/a	
23	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	n/a	
24	3	2	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	
25	n/a	3	1	1	2	n/a	n/a	
26	3	n/a	1	1	2	n/a	n/a	
27	1	n/a	3	3	2	n/a	n/a	
28	2	2	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	
29	1	2	n/a	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	

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Question 4: CALWMC has not yet made a decision regarding the remaining portions of the CRD owned property. Please share your views on what should happen to the remainder of the CRD and District of Saanich owned land.	
1	I would like to see the whole of Haro Woods left as it is, for a park, in perpetuity.
2	Hope for some kind of "parkland". Could include trails tree protection habitat protection. Optimum: to preserve green space for health, recreation and community. *Not interested in residential development.
3	n/a
4	Keep as parkland.
5	Not in Haro Woods.
6	Keep as parkland.
7	It should be designed as parkland - wooded, not soccer fields. There should be a tree buffer and landscaping around any treatment plant.
8	As a resident of this area (we live at Locarno/Arbutus) we are having this facility placed in our neighbourhood - I am not a N.I.M.B.Y. - This facility needs to be built to deal with Victoria's sewage issues. As a resident who may be negatively impacted I would like to see some consideration in the planning of the location: 1. minimize cutting of mature forest; 2. Creation of a park surrounding the facility; 3. maintenance of the park to a standard that would encourage use by walkers/hikers (and discourage BMX bikers); 4. guarantee that remaining lands in Haro Wood not be developed (i.e., residential); 5. reduction in the property tax rates for houses within a specified radius from the facility. Addressing these concerns will make this whole proposal more palatable for residents. - Thank you. Dr. A.D. Attwell
9	Do very little! The young boys have a great time playing on their bicycles in the bush. What Fun!
10	CALWMC has no mandate for this decision.
11	It absolutely should be kept as wooded parkland if not what's the point of this exercise?
12	Remains as forest.
13	Keep the land as natural as possible. Nature has done a fine job with the land already, don't tamper with it. Don't move it to Saanich land. Make sure the design fits the landscape. This whole thing is quite a shame - "They paved paradise and put up a sewage plant"
14	The remainder of all this property should be rezoned parkland, including the property currently owned by the University of Victoria.
15	The remaining land should be preserved as a green buffer, perhaps as a recreational park area as part the tradeoff for locating the treatment facility here. This would allow for a facility to treat the waste generated by the community and formalize recreational sue of the remaining lands by the local neighbourhood.
16	Retained as park land with walking trails
17	it should become park under a single jurisdiction (CRD or Saanich), with a management plant o deal with issues such as invasive species, mountain bike use, liability and safety etc. There is a potential to actually enhance the recreational potential of the area. e.g..., landscaped picnic area, possibly organized/sup? mountain bike area or whichever is determined by an appropriate public process. Having a staff presence around the facility could increase monitoring and security of future recreational activities also infrastructure such as ? and bike lanes could be part of the deal.
18	All remaining CRD property transferred to Saanich and dedicated as natural area. Except for building site. Retain UVic holdings as buffer.
19	Give it to Saanich for a park. Because Saanich will give you Haro Woods, for location at A3.
20	It should remain as trees, preferably a park to save it for our children and grandchildren and future generations.
21	Remain a wooded park.
22	Parkland including trails and multi community use. Loss of trees to be minimized.
23	Should be kept as a public walking space/park area.
24	n/a
25	The remainder of the CRD and Saanich owned land should probably be left as is or made into a park. Residential properties should not be considered adjacent to the treatment plant, for no other reason than smell. The existing treed land would provide an effective screen.
26	Parks and trails.
27	Leave it as woodlands.
28	CRD land - keep it intact as a treed area but get rid of invasives. Saanich - keep it intact as a treed area and also get rid of invasive plants.
29	Preserve the trees, land and remaining forest. Make it an example for others, involved architects to help the engineers design the most pleasant building possible so people don't realize it is a treatment plant. Blend it in. And let the kids and community and animals still use the space when you are done.



## Appendix 3 - Supporting Documents Comment Form and Summary

### Question 5: Do you have any additional comments on the siting of the Saanich East Wastewater Treatment Facility?

1 I am close to a group of well-informed people, e.g., marine scientists, engineers, medical officers, all knowledgeable in their field, and heard from them that because of the unique position of the Juan de Fuca Strait/currents, the present system is competently functional and to embark on this expensive enterprise is not at all necessary. Unfortunately, the reasons for doing so seem to be purely political.

2 Continue to include public discussion on: size of plant, shape of plant, height of plant, spaces around park (i.e., trails, etc.). Timeline on destruction during building process. Disappointed so far that decisions have been made without checking with residents - seems that decisions were already made one year ago in spite of the "information cafes". Feel like we've had little choice in spite of "information meetings". So from now on and now that the decision has been already made, it is of utmost importance to access public input. So that something good can come of this last standing forest in Saanich East.

3 Make sure that this site is out of view from main road (Arbutus). Keep at a distance from schools and daycare. Ensure that out fall of liquid waste is away from public beaches, especially Gyro Park.

4 n/a

5 Your sewage treatment plan is useless. When you come up with a useful and workable plan then lets talk. Also where is the guarantee in writing of the funding from the provincial and federal governments.

6 Good luck we need resource recovery e.g., energy biosolids but there's a lot of resistance.

7 Make a remaining Haro Woods land a park please.

8 n/a

9 One whiff of sewage that lowers my property values and we will meet in court (D. Williams 472-1211)

10 Once planimetric siting is chosen there are two more important design factors: 1. a total in-ground placement provides the least objectionable structure for visibility. Any above-ground building can be artfully presented as a visual asset. Eye pleasing visuals can be designed for a 5% or 10% increase in architecture cost. 2. Industrial and residential wastes are a lot more difficult to recover from wastewater. Heavy metals - inert chemicals - name particulates. Recovery technology is still advancing, still expensive. We re not all able to design recovery for all these materials - and others to come. So the final design and build needs to be flexible and adaptable to allow addition of new technology able to recover modern materials, without massive rebuilding. Building something to cope with minimal 2017 standards will be shortsighted.

11 Will there be full disclosure of the results of this survey? Why do you keep asking us what we want and then going ahead and doing what you want anyway?

1. What is the proposed annual cost? 2. Preferred choice is as present system - in the sea. 3. What % of respondees agree?

12 4. Will the facility be earthquake proof? 5. Where exactly is the outflow planned? Replies to: EMAIL ADDRESS NOTED (not legible)

13 n/a

14 n/a

15 Consider opportunities for resource recovery. An appropriately height standard of architectural design should be used so that it can be sued as a model for neighbourhood integration.

16 These areas are too close to residences and children. As well, the areas C1, C2, B2 and B3 would require roads through the other areas so it would disrupt more area in total. If it must be here make it as close to Arbutus Road as possible - less impact on residents, easier access to plant and less disruption of area for roads.

17 There is in my mind an ongoing doubt about the whole necessity for sewage treatment as proposed, but given that 2 levels of government are insisting on it, the process the CRD has followed is not unreasonable. The immediate issue, the siting in Haro Woods, is being blown out of proportion by local NIMBY residents, they seem to convey the impression that the whole woodland will be logged and destroyed, whereas there is in fact a chance to improve the management of the vast majority of woodland which will be not required for the plant.

18 n/a

19 Please do not route the Penryhn to wastewater plant forcemain down Rowley Road and Arbutus. It should follow the eastcoast connector, across the school field (diagram attached).

20 It bothers me greatly that the CRD is forced to do this when Victoria is in a unique position of not needing it.

21 The science and political rationales need to be explained clearly. I think the reclaiming of energy should be emphasized.

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### Comment Form and Summary



22 I would prefer that an alternate site be selected. Having said that, it appears the provincial government dictate is not reversible.

23 n/a

24 1. Haro Woods is a big part of our community. We take our young children in the trails for walks and wildlife sightseeing frequently. This space also has deep devotion from local residents, and we see this all the time in terms of volunteer time to reduce invasive species and declare it parkland. This must be respected, if it is not destined for parkland - difficult to make this decision without this information. 2. The corner of Arbutus and Haro Roads must be avoided due to the heavy school traffic, both pedestrian and cars. The disruption here both during construction and trucks visiting for maintenance pose a safety risk to our children. The fact that Frank Hobbs school is not marked on this "optimal site location" map is a serious oversight. 3. If this plan must go forward in this location, extreme care must be taken to preserve existing ecostructure and remaining parkland. It would be great to see a more intensive search for an already cleared site.

25 n/a

26 n/a

27 Would prefer the Haro Woods be left alone and that another site be found.

28 n/a

I hope the selection of the Haro Woods site over sites in Uplands isn't because of the greater ability of Uplands residents to convince the waste management committee to look elsewhere. There better be supporting information for this decision.

29 Can you do something really interesting with the building design? Look at what Vancouver selected for a library. Let us select hte final design, perhaps. Make it look like Goward House or a First Nations Long House. Think outside the box, not like an engineer.



# Appendix 3 - Supporting Documents

## Comment Form and Summary

### Comments from Forms that Did NOT Answer the Siting Preference Questions

#### Comments

1	I can't believe CRD is just plowing ahead with this project despite all the criticism.
2	The people who have come to previous consultation meetings have felt that they are not being listened to. We are deeply suspicious of a process that looks as if it had from the start been predetermined (Haro Woods). Trust has really been lost. You can only regain it by mitigating the impact the treatment plant will have on Haro Woods. And you can only do this by making the footprint as small as possible and by saving what is left of the forest as a park.
3	I realize this project was forced on the community by the Provincial Government, but I hope the input of the community will sway the CRD etc. to voice our opposition forcefully.
4	This is too much \$ for the capacity at this site.
5	Yes they should not have a water treatment because I walk through the forests a lot and it doesn't smell and it nice a quite and there know building in the forest but when you put the building in it won't be nice to walk through the forest because theres a building right were your walking. Can it be some were else that has more space because haro woods is so beautiful. You don't want a building smack in the middle of were you walk and any ways were will all the deer and other four legged creatures live, I know theres other forests but they can't all cram into only one or two medium sized forests they need the whole of Haro Woods because its big. thank you from Erin, age 11.
6	The comments put forward by some members of CALWMC have been insulting and disrespectful to the neighbourhood. The CALWMC owes an apology to the residence for their actions. If no apology is forecoming I would say that the CALWMC is not welcomed in our neighbourhood.
7	Mayor Leonard - please listen to the people in Saanich East, if not, you are out!!!
8	We do not want this forced on our neighbourhood.
9	The sea is a very natural and efficient way of treating this waste. Why are we pretending that the local people have been given a choice?
10	No support from local residents. 18 years we're wanting a park covenant not to change. CRD stats are slanted.
11	There are many reasons not to use Haro Woods but the most compelling is the proximity to many schools and day cares. The CRD has not taken an open-minded approach, rather is pretending to consult with residents.
12	The process is flawed. There should be an option to not build anywhere in Haro Woods. The entire area Haro Woods and the CRD land should be declared a park with no building in its area whatsoever.
13	It seems a real mistake to situate an industrial plant in the mdidle of a residential rea. Industry and such facilities should be located in industrial land. The covenant on the Saanich land should not be reopened or revoked. That would a be a violation of elected officials trusts.
14	This plant is totally unjustified.
15	Please do not destroy a beautiful woods for an unnecessary treatment plant to waste our tax dollars.
16	The CRD should not encroach on the Saanich-owned part of Haro Woods. Local residents have been campaigning for over twenty years to have this zoned as park, and will resist all attempts to deter them from their goal. Please call it Haro Woods not the Finnerty-Arbutus site. What right have you to change this name, the name it is know as, the name in the LAP.
17	Keep all of Haro Woods as a park - forested (Uvic, Saanich and CRD owned).
18	Not in any residential area and several schools - NO
19	Detrimental to forest, prompts further development, destroys the community feel of neighbourhood, forest space in this residential community is diminishing
20	No sewage treatment plant in wildlife habitat: 33 species of birds sighted in one day and owls, deer, rabbits, racoon, cougar, squirrel, mouse, snake, frog ,spider, frog spider, centipede, butterfly, cricket, etc. Trees: Arbutus, fir, balsam, maple, dogwood and 20 others. This urban forest must be protected from a sewage treatment plant. No sewage treatment in Haro Woods.
21	Unnecessary sewage plant but if it must be built, only acceptable site is Uvic MacKinnon Gym parking lot as resource recovery sewage plant.
22	Haro Woods is not a good site please do not use any portion CRD, Saanich, Uvic. I was disappointed to not have a copy of the covenance for both sites CRD, Saanich at the meeting seeing this is part of the important infor needed as I may or may not want to open/challenge a covenant.
23	I really get the feeling that there is not really strong public support for this choice. I am quite sure residents feel lip service has been spent on meaningful consultation and probably less spent on looking at better alternatives for the entire project. I would choose a location already cleared that has less impact environmentally and not unimportantly, emotionally to the district and its residents.
24	Why is this being forced on the citizens of this community and region when the scientific and public health community agree that it is not necessary.
25	Please do not place a plant in our area. If you must, please minimize the impact on Haro Woods by at least preserving the lands you do not use.
26	Haro Woods is a park.
27	Haro Woods must be preserved in perpetuity as a refuge for wildlife such as deer, owls, finches, brown creepers, etc.
28	There needs to be much more research and scientific proof of environmental benefit.
29	The technology proposed today is going to be obsolete tomorrow. Slow down, research ideas, create think tanks with students, family, elders, First Nations, all sectors of society. These woods belong to the people and animals morally, regardless of who supposedly legally owns it.
30	Not in Haro Woods anywhere.
31	The consultation process is flawed. The posters state a flurry of positive values, while the reality is a veritable contrast, meaning the consultation is contrived. Listen to the sister at St. Anns who spoke tonight and prorogue this process of ramming the plant in here.
32	Start from scratch and build one plant in Colwood gravel pits.
33	I remain unconvinced that secondary treatment is require in our unique geographical situation. I am told that Fairbanks, Alaska, Honolulu and San Diego have been allowed to do as we do. I support that a drastic overhaul of our storm and sewage infrastructure is needed and is happening. Should be not complete most of this first? In the meantime, there are technological advances that I hope will find a way to eliminate pharmaceuticals, only then would I consider more treatment than we have now. Please, please do not build in Haro Woods area. Frankly, why not Queen Alexandra property? Surely what is built could incorporate a medical facility?
34	First choice: Not in Haro Woods period. Second choice: Not on Saanich owned portion. I really think the province, CRD need to go back to the beginning and rework how our sewage is treated. Is this going to be old technology in 20 years, thus spending a billion dollars for what? If we do a hit with a large tax bill, we as a young family, must move away from the city.

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## Comment Form and Summary



35	My daughter is two and a half years old. Why are you considering destroying the only remaining forest in Saanich? I am fed up with your process, it does not listen to the residents of the area. No sewage in any part of Haro Woods. Period. Go back and find a better solution. Sell the land back to the TLC and turn it into a legacy for the next generation.
36	I was not pleased to see only staff persons at the open house. Where are the "bosses" (politicians)?
37	I am totally against this site! To destroy a green space in the middle of an established community is incomprehensible!! Saanich, who prides itself on "greening projects" and demanding its taxpayers to reduce/reuse/recycle and now for them to push a project as this ahead is the antithesis of the image they portray to the public. Shame on you!
38	Show me any of the other city's site as beautiful and pristine and picturesque as the Haro Woods/Queenswood/Cadboro Bay rea, you can't, can't you, f*#@ing morons!
39	This is a billion dollar boondoggle! And is not needed. Improvements need to be made to the collection system and a system of source control of contaminants needs to be implemented. Adding pollution to Haro Strait is not an environmental or health improvement nor is collection and burning of sewage sludge. Cutting down forests is also an aberrant solution to an environmental problem. There is no health or environmental benefit to the proposed system.
40	This site and selection is flawed. The science says we don't need this site we need better source control. This will \$\$ cost\$ without doing what it needs to do. We need parkland now in both CRD and Saanich woods.
41	What is the proposed annual cost? Preferred choice is as present system - in the sea? What % of all respondees agree? Will the facility be earthquake proof? Where exactly is the outflow planned? Replies to: illegible email address.
42	Haro Woods is a big part of our community. We take our young children in the trails for walks and wild life sightseeing frequently. This space also has deep devotion from local residents and we see this all time in terms of volunteer time to reduce invasive species and declare it parkland. Difficult to make this decision without this information. The corner of Arbutus and Haro Road must be avoided due to the heavy school traffic, both pedestrian and cars. The disruption here both during donstruction and trucks visiting for maintenance poses a safety risk to our children. The fact that Frank Hobbs school is not marked on this optimal location map is a serious oversight. If this plan must go forward in this location, extreme care must be taken to preserve existing ecostructure and remaining parkland. It would be great to see a more intensive search for an already cleared site.
43	You know how I feel. The time is not right to do this. The cost is too high, financially and community wise and nature wise. Think of the future. Put the \$ into health care, where you can save lives, not destroy things. You are just covering your butt, to use the phrase. You are not listening to what the people want here. So sad; no votes in that direction from me. What happened to our democratic rights? No wastewater treatment facility at Haro Woods.
44	Not needed, waste of taxpayers money, destruction of terrestrial environment, worst planned project I have ever witnessed, invalid consultation process.
45	Due process has not been followed. The community is disheartened, angry and discouraged and feels belittled by the phony "consultation process" and the incomplete and incorrect information being disseminated. The CRD is not "listening" as they pretend to be. Any information we give you is disregarded except to be used for your own agenda. There is no trust left. In the largest sense, democracy is being diminished by this bullying process to push this project through and all done with our \$\$\$.
46	Please find another location where the forest already has been destroyed. Thank you!
47	There has not been proper public input. There is no reason for this sewage treatment plant. Many scientists have been consulted and no conclusive evidence was gathered to point to the need for sewage treatment now. The CRD has not followed due process and is not listening to citizens.
48	I am still not convinced that we need this type of sewage treatment in the Capital Regional District I hear experts in the fields of community health, ocean science and the environment continuing to speak out against this type of sewage treatment. Our leaders seem to think that mega-projects are the only way to go. Why are we not choosing smaller sewage and wastewater treatment plants located strategically that could recycle the waste byproducts into usable energy? There could even be profit from this in the future. I am also concerned that there is not a clearly defined end-stage to deal with the sludge or solid waste from the proposed sewage treatment. The engineers tthat I spoke with at the open house stated that a pipeline could be built from the Macaulay Point or Upper Harbour site to Hartland, then what? If the residue will be eventually burned, where is the environmental benefit? We are then continuing to add to greenhouse gases, while maybe reducing clean pollutnatns. This seems like a poor trade-off to me. I want to see resource recovery included in any sewage treatment plan. I am also concerned that any sewage residues will end up being trucked from the inner harbour site to Hartland, and/or barged to Vancouver. The engineers assured me that trucking the waste would not be necessary, that a pipeline was a viable method of transportation. However, I know that if cost-cutting occurs, short-cuts such as trucks vs. pipeline will happen. I am concerned that if this project is undertaken with private partners, profit-making will be an objective, thus imposing cost-cutting measures such as mentioned above. I recognize that careful fiscal planning and oversight are necessary, and I am hopeful that our elected officials are doing their best for us, knowing they are accountable to the electorate. However, I do not support the inclusion of private partners in this project, nor do I trust that they would be similarly responsible.

### Questions from May 12, 2010 Saanich East-North Oak Bay Neighbourhood Validation Session

1. I live a block from Haro Wood. What geotechnical studies have been done on the site with regards to underground springs?
2. What year was the geotechnical study done?
3. What about the fault line in the proximity of the proposed site? It has not been addressed in any of the EIS or MSR studies done.
4. What is the size of the MBR facility going to be (footprint)? Where are the access roads going to be? Where are the on-site trucks going to be stored? When will we actually get to see an accurate rendering of the site?
5. How many of you have visited treatment plants in Europe to see how they do it?
6. What good is the treatment plant going to do in Haro Woods? Will there be heat and water recovery?
7. Has anyone from the CRD visited Dockside Green to see how they are doing treatment and the problems with odour complaints? not? Is this going to be the case for the site in Haro Woods? What about the heat from the plant? I am also concerned about the chemicals that will be used for treat solid waste. questions?
- about the CRD giving a cheque of 15% the assessed value of their house?
- the malfunction? Will the plant be staffed 24 hours a day or will it be run by computers? Have you done studies on what it would cost to pipe reclaimed water?
12. We need to know what the facility is going to look like (size, design, buffering, etc) before we decide where it goes. We are not getting any answers from either CRD or Saanich politicians, and the process is getting frustrating. Is looking at those areas. What about the hormone disruptors, heavy metals and pharmaceuticals that won't break down during treatment? Is there a plan or room in the current configuration to treat these?
- public consultation before the purchase of sites? What are the stats on people preferring the Saanich-owned portion of the woods over the CRD owned portion? The CRD is not listening to the residents – we don't want it here.
- they have said there hasn't been any dialogue. If you are speaking with people there, are you discussing heat recovery opportunities? Also, was a cost benefit study done for the option of multiple smaller plants in areas of high growth? What about asking other communities what
16. What is the probability of CRD using Haro Woods? What approvals are in place for this?
17. Will the community be consulted on design and placement of site?
18. People do not want it in Haro Woods, the government needs to be aware of the resistance from the local community.
19. Why not fix up the I&I (especially in Oak Bay) instead of spending all the money on sewage treatment that is not needed here?
20. Have you taken into consideration the O&M costs for a SENOB site when you look at repairing the pipes in the communities?
21. Why hasn't there been more public consultation?
22. Why hasn't the cost of getting rid of the trees and their monetary value been considered? than one comment form?
- sewage and their impact on local flows?
25. Is this a done deal?



26. Is this meeting being recorded?
27. Further investigation needs to be done to try and save Haro Woods.
28. Feel insulted by the committee and their lack of answers. The CRD Board is not an elected board, and they do not represent the local/municipal council. How do you represent a municipality without being accountable to your community?
29. Has the economic value of Haro Woods been used in any studies or assessments?
30. What about using Houlihan park on Grandview Road?
31. Include UVic in discussions on obtaining a site?



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Using the map above as a reference, please indicate your preferred location for the facility. The facility will require an area slightly larger than each grid rectangle.  
(58 Responses)

	My son and I walk through Haro Woods 3 or 4 times a week and he goes to daycare at Arbutus Grove Children's Centre. I am completely opposed to locating sewage treatment on this site. I believe very strongly that we need sewage treatment in the CRD, however, the selection of this site does not reflect a sustainable approach. Haro Woods is a unique woodland that must be protected for the sake of the environment and for use by Saanich and all CRD residents. The site is between 3 daycares and a school. This is an ideal location for parkland, providing opportunities for children to explore the natural history of the area. I have done my best to keep an open mind on this issue. I've attended public open houses and read much of the literature by the CRD. But I have come to the conclusion that from both an environmental and a social perspective, this site must be protected!
	A1
	KEEP THIS UNNECESSARY SEWAGE PLANT TOTALLY OUT OF HARO WOODS!! WE DON'T NEED THIS PLANT - YOU'RE JUST GOING TO RE-INJECT THE TREATED SEWAGE SLUDGE BACK INTO THE EAST COAST INTERCEPTOR TO BE RE-TREATED AT MCLOUGHLIN POINT ANYWAY! WHAT A TERRIBLE WASTE! DO NOT DESTROY HARO WOODS. RESTORE THE WHOLE WOODS AND PRESERVE IT, TOGETHER WITH THE SAANICH PORTION AND UVIC PORTION AS THE HARO WOODS COMMUNITY FOREST PARK. DO NOT BUILD THE UNNECESSARY SEWAGE PLANT ANYWHERE. IF YOU FEEL YOU MUST DO SOMETHING, BURY AN ATTENUATION TANK UNDER GYRO PARK.
	The Facility should not be located anywhere in the Harrow Woods, Harrow Woods should be designated as a park as has been requested for many years. Why would we destroy any part of a wooded area in Greater Victoria, when surely there is untreed land available elsewhere?
	This type of facility should not be located near sick children, schools, daycares, and elderly. Nor should large green spaces be destroyed and animals displaced (we have destroyed enough habitat and oxygen producing trees). If a leak, it would pool at Arbutus and Haro which we have seen with excess rain and poor drainage. With a fault under it, this is extremely dangerous to the community's health. I think the UVIC composting site is the best site from what I have heard and there are likely others that would be as good. With all the problems and concerns, it makes me wonder why this site was even considered in the first place?
	put it in a Uvic parking lot!
	A3 where the forest has already been changed and gravelled/mulched over. This way it does no damage to the pathways and a minimal amount to the forest in general.
	none of the above are acceptable. This is a beautiful and natural setting that should not be allowed to be destroyed.
	none of those
	B3
	b3
	A1
	Why not put the facility on the grassed land over at Queen Alexandra & Pearkes? That would have the least disturbance of the forested area.
	The facility should be located outside the boundary of Haro Woods, in an area already devoid of a forest. Possibilities include across the street at Queen Alexandria or at Houlihan Park.
	I will preface this by saying that except from the cost effective engineering perspective I find the Finnerty Arbutus site to be totally inappropriate and therefore do not support it. I will give my reasons in the last segment of this survey. Given this my response to your question is, should this site be used, the position should immediately abutting Arbutus Road (with a planting of small trees/large hedgerow as screening) and cover portions of A2 and that portion of A3 that takes in the disturbed land and houses the present waste water arrangements (i.e. the relatively open spaces immediately to the southeast of A2).
	The facility should not be located anywhere within Haro Woods. Instead, Haro Woods should be rezoned as parkland. Haro Woods is completely unnecessary and unsuitable for sewage treatment. Heat and resource recovery are completely uneconomic for this site. Build a central plant at Rock Bay and decentralisation becomes redundant. One central plant is also much more cost effective. Listen to what people are telling you.
	None of the proposed sites is acceptable.
	My preference would be that the facility not be built at all because the Engineers should be challenged to develop a lowest cost option which does not include the SENOB site.
	It should NOT be built at All.
	The projected sewage flows bear no resemblance to measured flows. A Saanich East treatment plant cannot be justified. It is not needed. It is not wanted. Treat the sewage centrally and save \$100 Million +
	NO PLANT AT ALL
	I strongly believe that a facility should NOT be located in any part of Haro Woods. The facility would not only be damaging a valuable urban community forest, but inflicting a huge economic and environmental burden on this city.
	C1

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c1
A3
my preference is another location.....however given that public input is limited .....A3/B3 is the location of my choice
I dont think it should be in Haro woods.
The facility should be located at the University of Victoria. There would be more opportunity to take advantage of any waste byproduct "energy" as UVic has a mandate to "green" the campus and embrace sustainability.
not anywhere!!! do NOT put it in haro woods!! animals and trees need their home!! put it in a uvic parking lot or somewhere were the vegetation has already been taken away. not haro woods!!!
A2
C1,
C1
A1
A1
A1
A1
A3
None of the above! It makes no sense to have a sewage project there. The greater Haro Woods should be saved for posterity as a park. If you had a vote -- as you well know, a vast majority would disavow your plans. Your rigged process of selection, without any real community concern and input is a travesty; a strictly political move that will burden tax payers for years to come without improving our environment, or practising any meaningful resource recovery. No one is against responsible sewage treatment, but your process has been disingenuous and terribly flawed from the onset. 2 more votes against this area's forgone destruction and the arrogance you have shown our community. Please stop this madness. Steven Alpert & Monika Eilerman.
A1
A!
Ai
A3
B3 and part of B4
A1, as it is the furthest from Frank Hobbs Elementary school and would preserve the largest portion of the woodlands closest to Frank Hobbs School and Arbutus Childcare for the children and Cadboro Bay residents to utilize.
impacts to adjacent neighbours. The location should be one that reflects to the greatest extent the desired mitigations by those most likely to be affected. One approach to siting that is outside the box and could possibly be given some consideration is for the utilization of a length of the Arbutus Road right of way itself to directly locate portions of the proposed facility (buildings onto,tanks under, stretched along). This would require some innovative planning as this approach would include a realignment of Arbutus Road (traffic calming measure an additional bonus) and require a request for an added portion of land from the QA Foundation for the purposes of a new right of way easement. Many existing traffic issues could be solved at the same time while also keeping as much forest as possible intact behind the facility to the South and moving the facility further away (greater buffer) from adjacent neighbours.
A1
B3 away from sight
B4
A1
A1
Not in Haro Woods at all. If it must be here, then A4 is the only logical choice. Anywhere else seriously fragments the remaining forest and impairs its usefulness. Tree blowdown would be much more of a concern in any other location. Also, A4 is the least impact on trees, GHG, habitat, terrain, water, costs.
A1 Why isn't the Arbutus Children's Centre labled? It's directly across from B4. Also, Frank Hobbs School is left off. It's a monumental part of the community and landscape approx. 300 children in attendance.
A3 and some of A2 or B3 This is the most level portion and requires the least tree removal.
B4
B3 ....but only if the CRD guarantee woodland status for the remaining sites, or this decision is ludicrous - need to look at what option would preserve the maximum wooded area for the long term and minimise environmental impact.
A1
A1
B4



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Please rank from 1 to 3 (1 being most important, 3 being least important) your most important considerations for a location of the wastewater facility at Finnerty-Arbutus.  
(59 Responses)

	please rank from 1 to 3			Average Rating
	1	2	3	
Distance from houses	25 (42.37%)	16 (27.12%)	10 (16.95%)	1.71
Distance from institutions (schools, daycares, etc.)	32 (54.24%)	12 (20.34%)	5 (8.47%)	1.45
Minimizing changes to the site topography and drainage	18 (30.51%)	13 (22.03%)	17 (28.81%)	1.98
Tree protection	28 (47.46%)	7 (11.86%)	18 (30.51%)	1.81
Cost of construction and operation	16 (27.12%)	6 (10.17%)	24 (40.68%)	2.17
Other (please specify)	16 (27.12%)	1 (1.69%)	4 (6.78%)	1.43

CALWMC has not yet made a decision regarding the remaining portions of the CRD owned property. Please share your views on what should happen to remainder of the CRD and District of Saanich owned land.  
(45 Responses)

	All of Harrow woods should be designated as PARK. Such a wooded area should be conserved for present and future generations in perpetuity. Such a waste water plant should not be located so near so many institutions and houses. Why not on Uvic property on Cedar Hill x Rd area?
	test survey
	JOIN IT ALL TOGETHER UVIC LAND, AS "HARO WOODS COMMUNITY FOREST PARK".
	RESTORE IT! CHERISH IT! DO NOT DESTROY IT!
	The entire area should be preserved as park!
	The land should be a park and protected habitat for the animals. Trees should be left alone with the global warming and air concerns. Let's be more efficient with the land we have already cleared and leave the rest alone. Future generations deserve trees and choices too.
	restored to their natural state
	i am a mountain bike rider in the area and this area has been used for as long as i can remember. The destruction of the jumps hits me hard each time and I believe there should be more understanding between CRD and the mountain bike community because this is the only area with 30 minutes of bike riding to mountain bike. This video is explain the mountain bike community and haro woods. <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/5flyingpigs#p/a/f/2/SwQ1B4JGorU">http://www.youtube.com/user/5flyingpigs#p/a/f/2/SwQ1B4JGorU</a> Kyle White
	Public park
	Preserve it as designated park.
	Preserve the forested land as forest; make it a park.
	The whole of the remaining woodland (Saanich, U.Vic and CRD owned ) should be be zoned Public Parkland.
	The whole of Haro Woods should be rezoned and turned into parkland.
	All of this land should be preserved as urban forest.
	The whole CRD property should be turned into a Park.
	Plant is unnecessary, just as the whole sewage treatment project is unnecessary.
	All this land should be converted to urban forest parkland once and for all.
	THERE IS NO NEED TO CREATE A LAND-BASED SEWAGE PLANT IN THE GREATER VICTORIA AREA. GIVE US A REFERENDUM. GIVE US THE SCIENCE.
	This land should remain what it is today. There is not point in trying to save sections of th land, the damage will be done. There is NO scientific basis for this project. Speaking as a Masters student who understands the environmental implications of this project, this is a travesty and a plain old political crock.
	CRD - not be developed - ideally dedicated as park Saanich - buffer the plant, otherwise not be developed - ideally dedicated as park to supplement the CRD land and adjacent Goward Park.
	maintain as a park with chipped trails, sitting areas, almost maintain as a living enviromental sanctuary
	Parkland

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	The land should be zoned parkland.
	do not put it in haro woods, please. the animals and plants want to keep their home!! the whole community loves haro woods and we would hate to see it turned into a facility.
	Park and Natural Woodland, absolutely no housing of any kind
	A1
	Be consistent. Make it into a landfill/cesspool with rotten compost facility.
	Should be designated as parkland with designated/maintained trails for walking and bike jumping as well as leaving alone the existing deer trails and deer birthing/resting trees. Consideration should be given to the many wheelchair users who wheel themselves between UVic and the Queen Alex and cross Arbutus Rd at the bus stop located directly in front of the Current Facility Footprint. Relocating the footprint to the Saanich land would eliminate trucks turning near the bus stop and therefore be safer for the wheelchair users.
	Which parcels are your specifically referring speaking about?
	park
	Given to the closest residents to compensate for lost property values.
	my preference would be to improve the land as an area park, maintaining trail access, and keeping it as natural as possible
	Sell the CRD property to the University of Victoria, and leave the Saanich portion for park land
	All remaining woodlands should become a permanent Saanich park.
	The residual portions of the CRD owned land should be gifted to Saanich for green space and Municipal park purposes
	Park
	CRD site ecology is in fact third growth with (as noted) extensive disturbance and invasive plants in the understory. Partial relocation onto the Saanich site is a valid option, if the CRD site is to be ecologically managed as a park. If not, it is not worth the effort.
	All land should become parkland
	Its stupid that you are even asking this as its obvious from the maps and from talking to anyone in the area that the wood should REMAIN a community woodland.
	Since this is the last remaining public forest land in Saanich East, there is no doubt that it should be protected in perpetuity as greenspace (an urban forest park). CRD and Saanich claim to be committed to sustainability including GHG reduction - therefore unthinkable to destroy a standing urban forest. There's no more.
	Park land. Kindly stop with the threats of subsidized housing. We'd take families over sewage any day of the week, but we'd always side with protected forests first.
	I worked for over 4 years as a volunteer in Haro Woods removing invasive species. No one is wildly excited about a treatment plant anywhere... but if it needs to be done(and I think it does) then let's minimize the environmental impact and PROTECT the remainder of the parcels with a non development covenant, or park designation or protected land or something. If the plant goes ahead(and it likely will) then to allow the rest of the land to be developed as a residential subdivision as it is currently zoned would be a huge slap in the face for those of us who are nearby residents(our home is on Manhattan Place )It would be the worst of all worlds ....a treatment plant AND a subdivision!! Let's protect the remainder of the parcel from further development...it's the least to be expected in a fairminded process.
	Just get on with it. Make sure to pass on cost savings to ifrastructure projects particularly around Cadborl Bay area snd especially Gyro Park. Gyro Park needs to have money used for clean up as this is the crown jewel of Victoria.
	To alter zoning and protect as a permanent woodland for future generations.
	Give to residents who property values have plunged!
	Turn into a park land.

### Do you have any additional comments on the siting of the Saanich East Wastewater Treatment Facility? (46 Responses)

	It should not be located in the Harrow Woods. The woods need to be reserved for wooded park land for future generations.
	yes
	Seek alternatives to destruction of Haro Woods. Seek to join with Saanich and UVic and to create a legacy park. Best alternative is NO additional sewage plants anywhere in CRD, but if you much, put it on UVic MacKinnon Gym Parking lot #2, as a "resource recovery" sewage plant



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	that can also digest the 300 tons of UVic food waste annually.
	Not in the Harrow Woods region.
	Build the Treatment Facility somewhere where wildlife is not disturbed and children can not be affected.
	leave haro woods be
	Our futur and the environment should not conflict in examples like haro woods which has been and hopefully will be a place that I will let my kids play at in 15 years. Kyle White
	Please do not build a sewage plant in one of the prettiest areas of Cadboro bay. We saved so we could afford to live in such an amazing community, and your sewage plant is not what I paid for!
	Do your home work The plant will be resited to the UVIC campus.if needed at all.Now what are you going to do with the bill for the land??
	This whole process has been nothing but a sham. This location has been pushed by crd staff over the citizens objections. Have referendum!
	Any use of Haro Woods except by native plant and animal species is endangering habitat, promoting climate change through tree and plant removal and is terrible environmental policy. Relocate the site to an area that is already deforested. Make Haro Woods a park and protect this endangered forest for the plants and animals that thrive in it.
	Put the treatment facility on the grassed land nearer the ocean where the discharge would be going anyway. Easy access, the land is already disturbed and seldom used, and is government owned.
	The profligate removal of a portion Haro Woods indicates a very poor stewardship application of any urban forest strategy. More suitable would be constructing the facility on one of a number of already deforested sites such as Houlihan Park, a portion of Queen Alexandria's fields or in a section of the vacant field on Cedar Hill Cross Road just west of Crestview. The elimination of habitat has continued for far too long, including the massive destruction of forest on Christmas Hill. Saanich and the CRD should take a lead in becoming green communities with action, and green communities include green spaces, wildlife and fresh air, all provided by forests.
	Reasons for view that the site is inappropriate. 1:It is in a built up area close to just about everything it should not be. 2:Everything about the site and its proposed infrastructure is Carbon Negative.You are removing trees, disturbing forest floor and putting in an efficient but comparatively fuel hungry treatment system. 3:There are alternate sites none of which come without "problems" be it cost effectiveness or owners reluctance to sell.The CALWMC and CRD staff had choices to make and it appears the concensus was they would not press reluctant owners of more environmentally and socially suitable sites but rather take the easier and in some but not all cases more cost effective route instead. Despite Provincial,CRD and Municipal
	good words and plans regarding protecting what we have in regard natures climate control mechanisms we are still going down the road of what is best finantially with little regard,despite good words from other quarters,of looking to the future cost we are paying for the short term gain. Broadly while you indicate a plant "footprint" on the ground on what is this based?Do we know what equipment is planned to be going in,can the infrastructure be effectively compressed?! think you are a little premature in your footprint assumptions. A very large concern to me is the fact that not one cent,as far as I can see of this projects money has gone to address the problem you have raised in justifying the Finnerty Arbutus site ,of ingress and inflow of water into municipal wastewater transportation systems.It appears only CRD owned trunk sewers have some funding whereas the municipal systems are the ones with problems.While I am aware the CRD has overall direction of the project it is not clear to me if ,as appears to have happened,all monies were to be spent on CRD infrastructure. What you have done in the case of the Finnerty Arbutus site is planned for the installation of a very expensive and hopefully more effective remediation of the problem to the tune of a projected \$150 million.The fact is the problem remains and has to,at the end of the day ,be addressed.In the meantime presumably things will get worse not only regarding inflow and ingress but also at some point outflow with resulting soil contamination.It seems to me that the taxpayer in this case will be paying for a) a remediation process and b) a solution to the problem.I would ask if this double whammy is really necessary and if in fact the Provincial Governments criteria of "least cost to taxpayer" is being met.When met as you have planned,it would appear the the Finnerty Arbutus sites two identified rationales will have gone as the inflow/ingress problem will be solved and as of last week U.Vic was indicating that they were aiming for future self contained energy efficiency and according there spokesperson had not dussed either with the CALWMC or CRD staff any other issue and had not had any CRD response to their suggestion in responses to CRD,s site availability letters on combined initiatives in regard wastewater treatment. Looking at the proposed total system as it stands now there still appears to be many pieces of the pie not fully in place in reality ( eg.the exact site and cost of the Westshore plant;the purchase or not of McLachlan Point site;the purchase or not of the Upper Harbour site;the routing, transfer method and processing of solids at Hartland Landfill ).I would hope that as things fall into place that both the CALWMC and CRD staff will review and act upon changes,including elimination of any system that can be done without, rather than stick to the present plan which has remained largely unchanged to date. One last point I would like to make is that I find as we go through the process we do not always get the full picture.As an example when Ammendment 7 was presented to the CALWMC it was stated that the The Technical and Community Advisory Committee had approved this the day before.Quite true they had,however looking at the Minutes of that Meeting (not available at the time of the CALWMC meeting )you will find that of the 22 person committee 12 were present and the vote was 8 to 4 in favour.So while the information given was true in my mind some indication of the background would have been appropriate both for the CALWMC and public.While this may not alter any outcome ,for me this and other similar incidencies do nothing for transparency and trust.

# Appendix 4 - Supporting Documents

## Comments from the Interactive Exercise Offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)



	This process lacks credibility. The CRD bought this land for sewage treatment, thinking decentralisation made sense. When the research showed heat and resource recovery were uneconomic, the CRD was unwilling to change its decision. Furthermore, the public's overwhelming opposition to siting of a plant anywhere in Haro Woods has been completely ignored. Instead, the CRD pretends there is a consensus to move the site from one part of the woods to another. This is incredibly deceitful.
	Regardless of whether one supports secondary treatment for Victoria in general, a separate plant serving Saanich East is not required and can only result in a negative environmental impact. This is a very expensive plant [both capital and operating costs]with no perceptible benefit.
	The CRD should re-examine the current plan and see if the Provincial and Federal (draft) requirements can be met without the SENOB plant.
	Stop wasting money on a project that will do more environmental damage at a cost we can't afford.
	I cannot believe the CRD is still promoting a Saanich East plant when their own information proves that it is based on outdated information and it cannot be justified on the basis of current, more up to date information.
	THE PUBLIC OF GREATER VICTORIA HAS SHOWN ON CFAV POLLS THAT TWO-THIRDS ARE OPPOSED TO LAND-BASED SEWAGE. SIX PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS AND 10 MARINE SCIENTISTS ARE OPPOSED TO IT. WHY ARE YOU PUTTING US ALL THROUGH THIS UNNECESSARY, WASTEFUL, AND POLLUTING ACTIVITY? PLEASE HAVE THE COURAGE TO STAND UP TO MINISTER PENNER AND TELL HIM THAT THE CITIZENS OF THIS REGION DO NOT WANT THIS SYSTEM. THE CURRENT SYSTEM MEETS EXISTING REGULATIONS, AND IF NEW REGULATIONS APPEAR, IT CAN BE MODIFIED TO MEET THEM. THERE ARE CITIES WHO WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF FORTHCOMING REGULATIONS LONG BEFORE VICTORIA WILL. PLEASE TAKE A RESPONSIBLE AND COURAGEOUS POSITION. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!
	I'm absolutely against this proposal, the community feels betrayed by the lack of consultation and discussion.....the initial meeting was nothing more than "lip service" to try and accomodate the community. To destroy a green space/parkland with this lack of vision is incomprehensible for a municipality who prides itself on "greening initiatives". Every council member should be ashamed for not standing up and being accountable to their constituents....a very disappointed Saanich taxpayer!!!
	please find another site.
	The facility should not be sited in Haro Woods. It belongs on the University of Victoria campus.
	put it some ware els what do you think a waste plant is going to do to the school hospital and daycare, plus the neighbour would be distroed
	do not put it in haro woods. do it somewhere else. is this really worth destroying tons of animals and plants homes? all the children and adults in the community love haro woods. it is a place of exploring, a place to walk your dog, a place to build treehouses, jump off bike jumps and play games!! its also a place to think. it is a beautiful place that deserves to stay!! just think twice about where you are putting this facility and put it somewhere else, where humans have already occupied it.
	While I do not live in the area, I work in the area, and visit Haro Woods often as a greenspace and nature walk. I do 'not' support 'any' of the proposed sites in the area around Haro Woods. The following letter summarizes my comments. Thank you for your consideration. My contact info is: wt329@victoria.tc.ca F. Driver ----- Sewage plants wrong for woods Frederick Driver. Times-Colonist, 27 Nov 2009, p. A11. I am tired of politicians defacing our beautiful city, and using our money to do so. First came the barrage of hideous "public art" to mar the urban and natural landscape. This, at a time when funds are desperately needed to meet the needs of a growing population of economically marginalized and homeless citizens and to help reduce the growing cost of essential services like policing. Now the Capital Regional District wants to plonk a sewage treatment plant in Haro Woods, a beautiful urban woodland. This is one of the most shortsighted decisions I've ever heard. The city is growing by leaps and bounds. Significant urban woodlands and greenspaces are few. It is essential for the future health and character of our city to preserve and protect every possible pocket of nature within it. There are plenty of ugly properties in Victoria, with ugly buildings on them or no buildings at all. Find some and use them. Leave the parks and woodlands alone. Frederick Driver, Victoria
	The CRD purchased their property in the Haro Woods and if worse comes to worse then use your own property. You are over estimating the environmental value as compared with the Saanich property. Once the Ivy is cut down the CRD forest will look very similar to Saanich's property and the heights and age difference are minimal. Have you considered the biodiversity of the Saanich property due to some of it's deciduous cover? That is what critter's like, not a uniform all fir forest. Hopefully you didn't pay your Biologist's too much money who put your environmental plan together. All of the reasons you mention in this fancy pamphlet about valuing one property over another don't take into account many other more important issues. Such as the disruption associated with construction especially to Frank Hobbs School and local residents as well as the major loss of habitat for the animals which currently live there. If you do manage to swindle this property you should offer each resident within 300 yards \$100,000 for their immediate property value depreciation. Hopefully we won't require gas masks as well. The local residents especially on Sutton Road are totally against a move to the Saanich property as we feel that a plant would greatly degrade our neighbourhood which includes the school and daycare. I attended the meeting tonight at Queenswood and I can say that the opinions of the local residents have never been addressed. We pay lots of taxes here and if it was in the CRD portion you are not affecting as many long term residents. Please stay on your own property if you must.



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	1. We live on the corner of Finnerty and Manhattan and our property assessment already has dropped (due to the sewage plant plans) as reflected in the BC Assessment Authority assessments for 2009 which reduced all Finnerty assessments by 10% now with a possibility of more once construction starts. (Lovely homes on Finnerty listed for sale since the site was purchased have not sold). This is only one of the impacts of the proposed plant on neighbours, others being truck traffic, noise and possibly smell. As a result, we would like to pursue the possibility of restitution payments for adjacent homeowners such as those that took place in Halifax. 2. Because we live directly across the street from the site, we prefer the plant be located on the Saanich land so that we will not to see the plant from our house. I am concerned that people who live in Cadboro Bay or elsewhere who are not adjacent to the site are the most vocal and have numbers on their side but actually only 9 homes (on Sutton) are directly adjacent to Haro Woods and they border the UVic portion, not the CRD or Saanich. We believe that locating the plant on the Saanich portion will have the least impact on the 8 homes on Finnerty as well as the lone home on Arbutus, and that there is sufficient distance from the Sutton homes as well. I think the opinions of people adjacent to the site should outweigh those of more distant neighbours. None of us wants a sewage plant as a neighbour, but we are trying to make the best of it. Diane Keighley, (250)721-3621, 2365 Manhattan Place
	Are you reporting all the anti-Haro Woods signatures? Are you reporting all the pain, potential upheaval, and community destruction? To most persons, this plan does not compute -- make good environmental or financial sense. You need to go back to the drawing board! Thank you.
	Completely wrong site but has been pushed by CRD staff since day 1. NOT ON SAANICH LANDS!
	Should be on the corner closest to Finnerty to minimize impact on community and on the woodlands.
	Residents overwhelmingly do not want it shafted onto Saanich lands. Only CRD staff do and they are the ones pushing this.
	I think the Saanich Site makes more sense than the CRD site, it is already partially cleared, and has poor quality tree cover over much of it.
	Stick to your plans and don't let the NIMBY's get you down! Saanich has an excess of Park land. Committing all this space into further park land is a waste of taxpayers money. And besides, Saanich can't afford to look after and improve the parkland it already has!! The opposition to sighting a waste water treatment facility on either the Saanich property, or the CRD property is based on nothing more than the fear that it will have a negative effect on the local real-estate. If you show some leadership and locate the plant in this area, the entire neighborhood will forget that it's even there within 5 years of building it! Get on with it!
	The Haro Woodlands is one of the last woodlands in Cadboro Bay and should be 100% preserved as parkland. A sewage treatment facility should not be located anywhere in the Finnerty-Arbutus site and should be located away from our children's school and in a position that the energy and potable water can be utilized. We are trying to preserve our planet through waste water treatment but not at the cost of our trees. Lance Abercrombie Sutton Road resident 250-477-8817 lance@burkettabercrombie.ca
	The siting should be adjusted to include those portions of Haro Woods (both Saanich and CRD portions and/or including adjacent road right of way) that accommodate the facility with the least negative impact to the existing forest and adjacent neighbours. The residual lands should be preserved and rezoned for park purposes.
	On corner furthest from Frank Hobbs
	This facility should be at the top corner site A1 for the least impact on the forested area
	I'm so angry that this is even on the table. Its horrifying that you are going to destroy this lovely forest, ruin the surrounding properties and spoil the rural feel in this neighbourhood firmly against the wish of your constituents. Generations will regret this horrible, short-sighted decision. You haven't listened to the public. You're just trying to justify the cheapest decision - one that you have already made.
	There is no need to place a sewage plant in Saanich East. Population growth and sewage outputs are not rising as predicted. The real problem is downstream with the Oak Bay pipes, so save \$150MM by fixing those pipes and leaving the Saanich East infrastructure as is. And there is no need to build a plant as an experiment since resource recovery isn't realistic at this time. A central plant will satisfy demands most cost effectively and technically.
	Can you imagine the change to our community just with the construction alone? You don't even own the land for the vast majority of the spaces you're suggesting. This was our forever house. This will change our lives. Remember, a job worth doing is a job worth doing well. Wash your hands of this with some P3 partnership, and you still wear it. You still have this as your legacy.
	I recognize that cost is a huge issue...it goes without saying BUT it would be beyond unfair if the establishment of a Treatment facility at Haro Woods site which is not welcome is made more affordable as a result of the sell off of land for a subdivision to pay for it!! If it has to go in obviously finding a spot for it is a problem in a developed area. Haro Woods may be the best option...but let's minimize it's impact on the residents nearby(ourselves included) and on the ecosystem and maintain a long term stewardship of this jewel. Thank-you for the opportunity to comment. Gary Moser 2349 Manhattan Place 250 721-1799 gary.moser@shaw.ca
	Get on with it
	COMPLETE SHAM!
	PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE
	Give back the tax savings and put into much needed infrastructure improvement in Cadboro Bay

## Flip Chart Notes from World Cafe Exercise Offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)



### Where:

- Nowhere
- Not in Haro Woods
- Not in Haro Woods
- Shift to Saanich
- Rethink decision
- Not in Haro Woods, move to QA fields (Sutton Group)
- Not in Haro Woods
- Not on Saanich land
- Shift to Saanich
- UVic
- QA fields
- Saanich and CRD should swap A3 parcel
- QA fields
- Shift to Saanich
- UVic
- Shift to Saanich – A3 (losing a bit of scrubby land)
- Not in Haro Woods
- A3 (Saanich) is preferred lot
- A3, A4, B3
- Straddle CRD and Saanich owned land
- Move completely – use something already deforested
- Shift to Saanich area (A3/B3)
- Do not want in Haro Woods

### Why:

- Facility needs to be screened by trees
- CRD owned property is more forested, maintain big trees
- Most disturbed area
- Protect remaining green space and creek
- Screened from resident areas
- Need to be responsible for our waste
- Buffer from residents, away from school
- Less vegetative sensitivities
- Worried that this sets a precedent for further development

### Remaining Land Use:

- Keep Haro Woods natural
- Properly maintained (safety and no litter) parkland
- Maintain rural feel
- Give to Saanich to make a park
- Stay the way it is, but it could be in better shape, monitor the land
- Don't develop it
- Proper, safe sidewalks need to be part of the construction
- Parks – opportunity to clean up area and clarify jurisdiction
- Enhance recreation in area (bike paths)
- Green buffer
- Park
- Park
- Leave as is, preserve what is there
- Parkland/recreation
- All of it should be park
- Walking trails
- Wildlife stewardship
- Rezone as park
- Leave as is



Appendix 6 - Supporting Documents  
Presentation for Validation Session and questions from  
Question and Answer Period (12 May 2010)

# Saanich East Wastewater Treatment Project

Public Meeting May 12, 2010  
7 pm to 9 pm



## Agenda / 7 pm to 9 pm



- Present status of CRD Wastewater Program
- Summary of results of public input gathered
- Responses to questions raised on comment forms
- Open questions and answers

## Comments from the Interactive Exercise Offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)



### Overview



- Mandated by the Minister of Environment to provide wastewater treatment by 2017.
- CCME standard will require municipalities across Canada to provide secondary treatment by 2020.
- June 2, 2009 CALWMC directed completion of siting in SENOB.

### Overview



- **Neighbourhood Open Houses:**
  - June 16, 2009 – Gordon Head United Church
  - June 17, 2009 – Cadboro Bay Unity Church
  - June 19, 2009 – Emmanuel Baptist Church
- **Neighbourhood Siting Workshops:**
  - June 22, 2009 – Queenswood
  - July 7, 2009 – Queenswood
  - July 9, 2009 – Emmanuel Baptist Church
- **Special CALWMC meetings to hear delegations on siting a Saanich East plant:**
  - August 12, 2010 – Council Chambers, City of Victoria
  - August 19, 2010 – Emmanuel Baptist Church



## Appendix 6 - Supporting Documents Presentation for Validation Session and questions from Question and Answer Period (12 May 2010)

### History of approvals

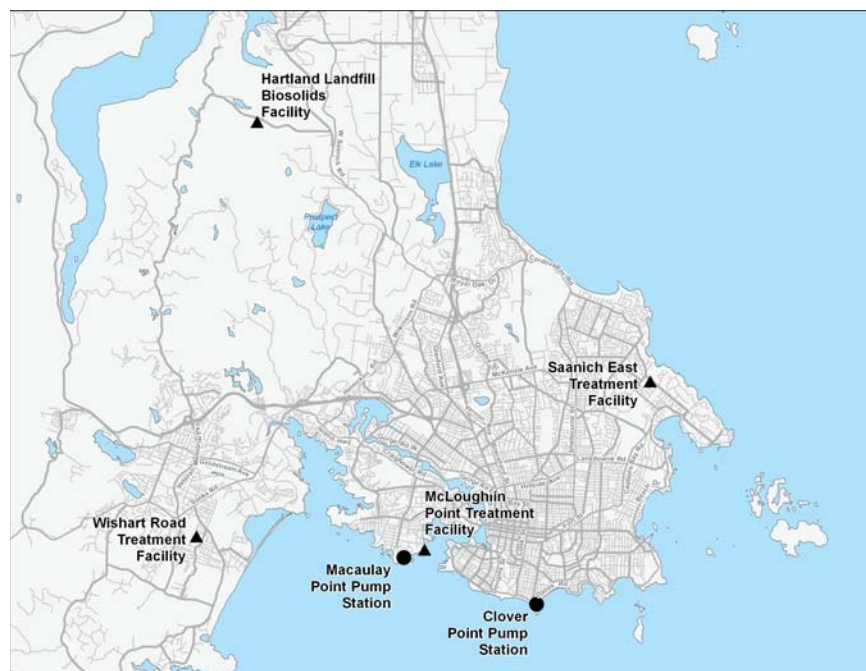


- Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee approves the Finnerty-Arbutus site as the liquid waste treatment location for Saanich East – North Oak Bay on November 25, 2009.
- CRD Board approves the LWMP Amendment No. 7 on December 9, 2009 for submission to the Minister of Environment.

The amendment identifies the system configuration of treatment facilities at Saanich East – North Oak Bay, McLoughlin Point and at the Westshore; and biosolids processing facility at an upper Victoria harbour site or Hartland landfill.

- Minister Penner approves the LWMP Amendment No. 7 on February 9, 2010.

### Existing and Proposed Facilities



## Comments from the Interactive Exercise Offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)



### What We Heard



#### Where do you think the Finnerty Arbutus facility should be located?

- Sites which minimize the impacts and loss of green space and vegetation
- Not in Haro Woods
- Anywhere but near my house
- Where the existing sewage pump currently is
- UVic locations

### What We Heard



#### What are the reasons for your choices?

- minimize impacts to trees and other vegetation
- as far away from homes and the daycare
- a need for a natural buffer or screen



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### What We Heard

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### Top three considerations (in no order) in siting a facility.

- distance from houses
- distance from other institutions
- tree protection

### Remainder of lands, both CRD and Saanich.

- Most respondents want park or forest
- Other suggestions: sell land, convey to UVic, provide housing



- 65 comment forms identified a preferred location on the CRD or Saanich-owned properties (28 paper and 37 online)
- The paper comment forms showed a preference for the Saanich property or straddling the CRD and Saanich properties
- The online comment forms tended to prefer the corner of Finnerty Rd. and Arbutus Rd. on the CRD property

## Comments from the Interactive Exercise Offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)



### Comment form results



65 total responses

		Arbutus Road				
		21 <span style="color: red;">A1</span>	13 <span style="color: red;">A2</span>	27 <span style="color: red;">A3</span>	8 <span style="color: red;">A4</span>	
Finnerty Road		4 <span style="color: red;">B1</span>	1 <span style="color: red;">B2</span>	16 <span style="color: red;">B3</span>	7 <span style="color: red;">B4</span>	Haro Road
		4 <span style="color: red;">C1</span>	0 <span style="color: red;">C2</span>			

Additional 48 responses said, "No to Haro Woods"

### Limitations of results



- Results represent the responses received (not a statistically valid sample)
- Some responses picked multiple locations
- No verification that each person only filled out one comment form
- No assurance that only local residents filled out the comment form



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### Next Steps

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- A report will be prepared for the CALWMC on June 23, 2010

### Questions asked on the comment form

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- What would happen in the event of a leak?
- Will the residual lands be designated as a park? Sold for housing development?
- What will happen to the land if the site is not used?
- What is the estimated plant "footprint" based on?
- Do we know what equipment is planned to be going in, and can the infrastructure be effectively compressed?

## Comments from the Interactive Exercise Offered at the Open House (20 April 2010)



### Questions asked on the comment forms



- Has any money from this project gone to address the problem of inflow and infiltration into municipal wastewater transportation systems?
- Can you do something interesting with the building design? Make it look like Goward House or a First Nations long house.
- What is the proposed annual cost?
- Will the facility be earthquake proof?
- Is this going to be old technology in 20 years?

### Questions asked on the comment forms



- Is there un-treed land available elsewhere?
- Why not put the facility on the grassed land at Queen Alexandra and Pearkes? That would have less disturbance of the forested areas.
- Why wasn't the UVic composting site considered?
- What impacts will the plant have on the school, hospital, daycare, and neighbourhood?



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### Questions asked on the comment forms



- With Frank Hobbs School so close, with heavy pedestrian and school vehicle traffic, how would this be affected by construction and trucks visiting for maintenance?
- Where exactly is the outfall planned?

### Questions and answers



- Please state your name and home address
- Please ask 1 question (briefly) at a time
  - If time permits, we can have another “round” of questions

## Appendix 7 - Supporting Documents

### Online Public Queries Summary



1. No problem with the proposal to put the treatment plant along both the Saanich owned and CRD portion of Haro Woods. This is a reasonable plan. Please ensure that this is out of view in our area. We do not want an eye sore along Arbutus.
2. You will simply not be able to destroy Haro Woods for an outdated resource wasting facility because we will fight your idiocy to the end even if it comes to blocking access for machinery and climbing trees ahead of the chainsaws. Bring it on
3. Use natural filtering methods whenever possible.  
The creation of a marshland to buffer the expulsion of treated materials would be a wise and ecologically sound move.
4. Please don't build anything in Haro Woods. Is there no land that has already been spoiled and that could benefit from a redevelopment project? If for only selfish reasons, why compromise an area of high valuations for property taxes that we all benefit from?

We can't imagine that this email will make any difference, but as concerned citizens we feel obligated to try.

5. We, are opposed to ANY treatment plant in ANY part of Haro woods. It is sad day indeed that once again the local governments choose to destroy green space when other alternatives are clearly available.  
Why did the CRD purchase the property without proper public consultation?

It is not true that the neighbourhood is in favour of the Saanich owned property. This directly affects the entire Frank Hobbs school area, and **MUST NOT HAPPEN!** You would have seen this as a public demonstration with David Anderson on March 27th 2010, which was documented by the local media.

I propose that the entire Haro woods, the three properties, be turned into parkland forever. To leave as a legacy for our next generation of taxpayers, voters, and users of what little green space is still left. If the CRD wants to look like hero's this is the path to take, not one of betrayal and destruction, and creating a neighbourhood civil war.

Please re-consider. It is not too late to use common sense here and find a more suitable location such as the UVIC grounds, which would then become a training facility for energy recovery.

6. We live in the Cadboro Bay area of Saanich. The proposal to locate a wastewater treatment facility in the Finnerty-Arbutus area is appalling. Neither the CRD nor the Saanich lands along Arbutus Road are acceptable. We have two major concerns.

1. The CRD and Saanich lands along Arbutus form a continuous parkland which should be protected as park. Neither treatment facility nor residential construction is appropriate for this land. The protection of this land as park has been repeatedly expressed during the local area planning process. Our peaceful neighbours have recently protested to "Save Haro Woods". This did not mean to instead rape the adjacent Saanich lands.

2. Neither Finnerty nor Arbutus Roads are suitable for the anticipated construction traffic. Nor is the resultant trucking of sludge appropriate. Trucking is simply not acceptable in our quiet residential and park area.

Instead, please negotiate with the University of Victoria to establish a more acceptable location on campus lands. Both McKenzie Avenue and Cedar Hill Cross Road are substantial roads which could handle the required trucking traffic. The destruction of forest would not be necessary along either of those major roads.

7. If we have a sewage treatment plant at Haro Woods what will the impact be on the Crab Fishing that goes on constantly in this area. Surely there are other areas best suited for this project? Has anyone taken the time to look at the beautiful sandy beach that families with small children frequent during the summer? It is kept clean by the tax payers on Hollydene and Locarno Lane. I think more careful consideration has to be made. Walk-



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ing along Dallas Road near that sewage plant is very unpleasant due to the strong odour. There are expensive homes in this area and we are subject to property de-valuation. I hope all this will be taken into consideration before moving forward.

8. There has been letters to the editor in the Times Colonist from time to time by highly regarded scientists. They claim that if our sewage was appropriately treated and screened before it is released into the ocean, there is absolutely no reason for not doing so.

It has not been found to be damaging to marine life, despite what our neighbours to the south may say.

It appears to me, that all the sludge which will be produced, will be much more harmful to our environment. The cost of these plants are staggering, as well as the cost to be passed on to all tax payers.

It appears to me, that not enough research has been done so far.

The time frame set by the provincial government is pushing everyone to make gigantic decisions in too much of a hurry.

I certainly am in favour of public sewage treatment.

9. I support public sewage treatment.

There is always the possibility that we, the public, could be held for ransom if the private contractor decides to escalate charges above the agreed upon amounts/limits. There is also the possibility of future research finding a beneficial use to the municipality from treatment.

10. A big, strong YES to completely public sewage treatment.
11. How can anybody possible even think that the location should be changed. Firstly it shouldn't be there at all at none of the local residents want to see the destruction of the Saanich property either. Aren't there still covenants on both properties demanding proper public process? If you move the location you move it basically into the Sutton Road backyard.....within 200 feet. We don't want it and shouldn't be subjected to this process. Not one person I have talked to has suggested the move! This is all a smoke screen.
12. Any use of Haro Woods, an endangered urban forest, other than by it's native plant and animal species is habitat destruction and pro climate change. Relocate the sewage site to an area of already deforested land. Protect Haro Woods as a park for the hundreds of plant and animal species that inhabit it. Any other use of the woods is a terrible environmental policy.  
Where was the public consultation process on the use of the woods? Why are you not following the Urban Forest Protection Strategy, Riparian Legislation and Native Species Protection guidelines set out by Saanich and yourselves in the handling of Haro Woods?  
I wish to receive a response to my concerns by at least one of the individuals responsible for siting a sewage plant at Haro Woods.
13. Congratulations on your momentous year in the history of the Core Area Wastewater Treatment. We realize the magnitude of this project and balancing all the concerns of the area.

We enthusiastically submit our feedback and appreciate the opportunity to provide it. Here are the answers to your questions from the brochure:

1. Where do you think the facility should be located?

With the trust and understanding that the CRD has exhausted all other alternatives to Haro Woods, and Haro Woods is the only remaining option, we would like to see the facility located along Arbutus road at the current facility footprint.



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# Public Consultation Summary Report

Saanich East

Wastewater Treatment Facility Siting

Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project

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