

Keep It Public!

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CUPE Sewage Treatment Campaign Update

Support growing for public system

Thanks to the commitment of residents and CUPE members in Greater Victoria, the 'Keep It Public' message was heard loudly during public consultation undertaken by the Capital Regional District (CRD) this summer.

On the Westside, the majority of survey respondents (67 percent) say they want publicly owned and operated sewage treatment. On the Eastside, open-link survey respondents ranked 'publicly owned and operated' as one of the top three most important criteria when developing a sewage treatment facility. At other engagement events where there was opportunity for dialogue there was talk about provision of public sector jobs, and opportunities to keep water and heat resources in public hands.

We have built a solid foundation for a public system, but we must now carry that momentum into the Fall. The Core Area Liquid Waste Management committee (the committee responsible for overseeing and implement our sewage system) is now working to cost out possible options for sewage treatment over the summer, then there will be more opportunity for public dialogue.

We will keep you updated on future opportunities to engage in public consultation so we make sure that we have a public system that offers more transparency and accountability, better environmental protection, supports local procurement and jobs and is affordable for residents of the Capital Regional District.



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