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**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026**

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**SUBJECT**     **AAP Requirements for Bylaw No. 4699 - Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

The CRD Board must establish the process for conducting an alternative approval process (AAP) by establishing the total number of electors, approving the deadline to receive elector responses, approving a synopsis for the bylaw, the statutory notice, and the elector response form.

**BACKGROUND**

At its meeting held March 11, 2026, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board gave third reading to Bylaw No. 4699, "*Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026*" (Appendix A).

The purpose of Bylaw No. 4699 is to authorize the borrowing of thirty-four million, eight hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$34,840,000), for a period not exceeding 15 years, for the purpose of capital renewal and upgrading of the wastewater treatment and conveyance system serving the Core Area and Western Communities and includes up to two million (\$2,000,000) for advanced thermal detailed design.

Prior to adopting a borrowing bylaw, participating area approval is required and will be obtained for the entire Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area. The alternative approval process (AAP) applies to all electors within the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area which is comprised of the following municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD): Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal. While the service authority includes a partnership agreement with the Kosapsum Nation and the Songhees Nation, they do not qualify as electors in the service and cannot participate in the AAP.

The following documents have been prepared in accordance with the applicable sections of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* and must be approved by the CRD Board:

- Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4699 (Appendix B)
- Notice of AAP for Bylaw No. 4699 (Appendix C)
- Elector Response Form for Bylaw No. 4699 (Appendix D)

With an AAP, the Board may proceed with adopting the bylaw if less than 10% of electors submit a signed Elector Response Form indicating that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of assent voting (referendum). The total number of electors in the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area is determined to be 252,590 of which 10% is 25,259 electors. The AAP Elector Response Form will be available when the statutory Notice of AAP is published on June 18, 2026 and the response period will close at 4:30 pm on July 31, 2026.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

### *Alternative 1*

1. That in accordance with section 86(3) of the *Community Charter*, the date of July 31, 2026 be confirmed as the deadline by which elector responses, under the alternative approval process for CRD Bylaw No. 4699, must be submitted to the Capital Regional District by qualified electors within the service participating area;
2. That the attached Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4699 (Appendix B), Notice of Alternative Approval Process (Appendix C), Elector Response Form (Appendix D), and AAP communication channels (Appendix E) be approved; and
3. That the total number of registered electors within the service participating area is 252,590 and that 10% of that number is 25,259 electors.

### *Alternative 2*

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### *Communication Channels*

The AAP notification for Bylaw No. 4699 will launch on June 18, 2026. The purpose of the communication approach is to inform electors about the AAP, provide information regarding the opportunity to submit response forms prior to the deadline, provide information regarding the purpose of the borrowing, and address questions that may arise during the process.

The AAP communication channels plan is attached as Appendix E. In addition, the Frequently Asked Questions related to the borrowing is attached as Appendix F.

## **CONCLUSION**

The CRD Board had previously approved obtaining participating area approval for the entire service area by alternative approval process for Bylaw No. 4699, “*Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026*”. Prior to conducting the alternative approval process, the Board must confirm the deadline to receive elector responses as July 31, 2026, establish the number of eligible electors as 252,590 and approve the synopsis of Bylaw No. 4699 (Appendix B), Notice of Alternative Approval Process (Appendix C), and the Elector Response Form (Appendix D) in accordance with the applicable provincial legislation.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That in accordance with section 86(3) of the *Community Charter*, the date of July 31, 2026 be confirmed as the deadline by which elector responses, under the alternative approval process for CRD Bylaw No. 4699, must be submitted to the Capital Regional District by qualified electors within the service participating area;
2. That the attached Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4699 (Appendix B), Notice of Alternative Approval Process (Appendix C), Elector Response Form (Appendix D), and AAP communication channels (Appendix E) be approved; and
3. That the total number of registered electors within the service participating area is 252,590 and that 10% of that number is 25,259 electors.

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| Submitted by: | Marlene Lagoa, MPA, Senior Manager, Legislative Services & Deputy Corporate Officer |
| Concurrence:  | Kristen Morley, J.D., Corporate Officer & General Manager, Corporate Services       |
| Concurrence:  | Alicia Fraser, P. Eng., General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services          |
| Concurrence:  | Ted Robbins, B. Sc., C. Tech., Chief Administrative Officer                         |

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

- Appendix A: Bylaw No. 4699 at Third Reading
- Appendix B: Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4699
- Appendix C: Notice of AAP for Bylaw No. 4699
- Appendix D: Elector Response Form for Bylaw No. 4699
- Appendix E: AAP Communication Channels for Bylaw No. 4699
- Appendix F: Frequently Asked Questions – Wastewater AAP

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**BYLAW NO. 4699**

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**A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF THIRTY-FOUR MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$34,840,000) FOR WORKS RELATED TO THE LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT CORE AREA AND WESTERN COMMUNITIES SERVICE**

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. By Supplementary Letters Patent, Division VII dated December 28, 1967, the Capital Regional District was granted the function of acquisition, design, construction, operation, maintenance, renewal and administration of trunk sewers and sewage disposal facilities within all member municipalities of the Regional District, except the electoral areas of Sooke and Southern Gulf Islands, converted to establishing bylaw per Bylaw No. 2312, "Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1995", for the collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal of sewage within the service area;
- B. The wastewater treatment and conveyance system serving the Core Area and Western Communities requires capital renewal and infrastructure upgrades, including detailed design for advanced thermal treatment ("Advanced Thermal") and for the processing of Class A biosolids materials for beneficial use (the "Capital Projects"), which may include, without limitation, planning, studies, project administration, public consultation and communications, site selection, design, land acquisition, procurement of materials and equipment, construction, and the supply and installation of all materials, equipment and components, and all other works incidental or necessary to the completion of the Capital Projects;
- C. The estimated cost of the Capital Projects is the sum of Thirty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$34,840,000.00), including Two Million (\$2,000,000) for Advanced Thermal detailed design, which is the amount of debt intended to be authorized by this bylaw;
- D. Pursuant to section 407 of the *Local Government Act*, participating area approval is required for this borrowing and shall be obtained by alternative approval process for the entire service area under section 345 of the *Local Government Act*;
- E. The approval of the Inspector of Municipalities is required under section 403 of the *Local Government Act*; and
- F. Financing is proposed to be undertaken by the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia pursuant to agreements between it and the Capital Regional District.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Capital Regional District Board in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

**Bylaw No. 4699**

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1. The Board is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the capital renewal and upgrade of the wastewater treatment and conveyance system serving the Core Area and Western Communities, which will involve planning, studies, project administration, public consultation and communications, site selection, design, land acquisition, procurement of materials and equipment, construction, and the supply and installation of all materials, equipment and components, and all other works incidental or necessary to the completion of the Capital Projects, and to do all things necessary in connection with the Capital Projects and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - (a) to borrow upon the credit of the Capital Regional District a sum not exceeding Thirty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$34,840,000.00); and
  - (b) to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, leases, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the Capital Projects.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt intended to be created by this bylaw is fifteen (15) years.
3. This Bylaw may be cited as "Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026".

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| READ A FIRST TIME THIS   | 11 <sup>th</sup> | day of | March | 2026 |
| READ A SECOND TIME THIS  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | day of | March | 2026 |
| READ A THIRD TIME THIS   | 11 <sup>th</sup> | day of | March | 2026 |
| APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR<br>OF MUNICIPALITIES THIS  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | day of | May   | 2026 |
| RECEIVED PARTICIPATING AREA APPROVAL<br>UNDER SECTION 345 OF THE<br><i>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT THIS</i> |                  | day of |       | 20__ |
| ADOPTED THIS   |                  | day of |       | 20__ |

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER

## Appendix B

### **Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4699, “Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026”**

Bylaw No. 4699 would authorize the borrowing of Thirty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$34,840,000), for a period not exceeding 15 years, for the purpose of capital renewal and upgrading of the wastewater treatment and conveyance system serving the Core Area and Western Communities and includes up to Two Million (\$2,000,000) for advanced thermal detailed design.

Participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4699 will be obtained for the entire service area by Alternative Approval Process. The Alternative Approval Process applies to all electors within the **Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area which is comprised of the following municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD): Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal.**

Please note that this synopsis of Bylaw No. 4699 is not intended to be or understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed at Capital Regional District offices located at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays). The bylaw may also be viewed at [www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP](http://www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP).

**NOTICE TO ELECTORS  
WITHIN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**Alternative approval process for Bylaw No. 4699 to authorize the borrowing of \$34,840,000.00 for the purpose of capital renewal and upgrading of the wastewater treatment and conveyance system serving the Core Area and Western Communities.**

**Notice is hereby given** that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 4699, "*Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026*". The Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant serves the Core Area and Western Communities of Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal.

Bylaw No. 4699 would authorize the borrowing of Thirty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$34,840,000), for a period not exceeding 15 years, for the purpose of capital renewal and upgrading of the wastewater treatment and conveyance system serving the Core Area and Western Communities and includes up to Two Million (\$2,000,000) for advanced thermal detailed design.

Participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4699 will be obtained for the entire service area by Alternative Approval Process. The Alternative Approval Process applies to all electors within the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area which is comprised of the following municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD): **Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal.**

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**Take further notice** that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 4699 unless at least 25,259 electors (constituting 10% of eligible electors) within the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area, object by signing the elector response form, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of an assent vote (referendum) before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 4699.

The elector response must be in the form as established by the CRD and is available from the CRD on request or from the CRD website at [www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP](http://www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP). The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process applies to the electors in the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area which is comprised of the following municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD): **Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal.**

The deadline for submitting signed elector response forms, in relation to Bylaw No. 4699, to the CRD is **4:30 pm on Friday, July 31, 2026**. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted. A copy of the elector response form may be downloaded from: [www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP](http://www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP).

To obtain an elector response form, or for questions about the alternative approval process, contact Legislative Services, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7, email

[legserv@crd.bc.ca](mailto:legserv@crd.bc.ca), telephone 250.360.3642 or toll free 1.800.663.4425 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

Questions regarding Bylaw No. 4699 may be directed to Joseph Marr, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Planning and Engineering, 250.474.9656, [jmarr@crd.bc.ca](mailto:jmarr@crd.bc.ca), from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from the date of this notice until July 31, 2026.

### **Qualifications for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors**

**Resident Elector:** You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for at least 6 months and currently reside in the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area (**i.e. Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal**) prior to signing the elector response form.

**Non-Resident Property Elector:** You may submit an elector response form as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months, have owned and held registered title to property in the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area (**i.e. Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal**) for 30 days and do NOT qualify as a Resident Elector. If there is more than one registered owner of the property (either as joint tenants or tenants in common) only one individual may, with the written consent of the majority, submit an elector response form.

Elector response forms, a copy of Bylaw No. 4699, and a copy of this Notice may be inspected during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from the date of this notice until **4:30 pm on Friday, July 31, 2026** at the following CRD locations:

- CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC
- on the CRD website: [www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP](http://www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP)

Given under my hand at Victoria, BC this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

Kristen Morley  
Corporate Officer



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### ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

#### Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 4699

By completing this elector response form I **oppose** the Capital Regional District's intention to adopt **Bylaw No. 4699, "Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026"** to authorize the borrowing of up to \$34,840,000 to be repaid over a period not to exceed 15 years for the purpose of the capital renewal and upgrading of the wastewater treatment and conveyance system, unless a vote is held.

Please print using **BLOCK LETTERS**

Full name of elector: \_\_\_\_\_  
(one form per person)

Choose one (see next page for eligibility requirements):

I am a resident elector

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
# Street Name Municipality/Electoral Area Postal Code

I am a non-resident property elector in the Capital Regional District who lives in another community in **British Columbia** and owns property at the below address (see reverse for eligibility requirements):

\_\_\_\_\_   
# Street Name Municipality/Electoral Area Postal Code

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*A person must not sign more than one elector response form\*\*\*

The deadline for submitting this elector response form to the **Capital Regional District (CRD)** is: **4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026.**

Address: c/o Legislative Services, CRD, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7

Phone: 250.360.3642

E-mail: [LegServ@crd.bc.ca](mailto:LegServ@crd.bc.ca) (please scan a legible signed copy as PDF)

The Capital Regional District may obtain elector approval for Bylaw No. 4699, "Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2026" unless at least 25,259 electors (constituting 10% of eligible electors), within the Liquid Waste Management Core Area and Western Communities Service area, sign and submit a completed copy of this elector response form to the Capital Regional District by the deadline.

**Additional information can be found on the next page of this form about the subject of this alternative approval process as well as elector qualifications.**

Personal information collected by this form is authorized under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* sections 26(a) and 26(c) and will be used only for the purpose of conducting an alternative approval process pursuant to Section 86 of the *Community Charter*. questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact Marlene Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer, Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, 250.360.3127 OR [LegServ@crd.bc.ca](mailto:LegServ@crd.bc.ca).

## Bylaw No. 4699 – AAP Information Sheet

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### Additional Information About Elector Eligibility

In order to sign an elector response form, a person must either be a resident elector or a non-resident property elector.

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| <p>A <b>resident elector</b> is an individual who is entitled to sign an elector response form during an AAP by virtue of living within that jurisdiction. <i>When signing an elector response form</i>, a resident elector must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be 18 years of age or older;</li><li>• be a Canadian citizen;</li><li>• have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;</li><li>• be a resident of the jurisdiction (e.g., municipality or electoral area);</li><li>• live in the service area defined for the AAP (<b>i.e. Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal</b>); and,</li><li>• not be disqualified under the <i>Local Government Act</i>, or any other enactment from voting in a local election or be otherwise disqualified by law.</li></ul> | <p>A <b>non-resident property elector*</b> is an individual that does not live in a jurisdiction and who is entitled to sign an elector response form during an AAP by virtue of owning property in that jurisdiction. <i>When signing an elector response form</i>, a non-resident property elector must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be at least 18 years of age;</li><li>• be a Canadian citizen;</li><li>• have been a resident in British Columbia for at least six months;</li><li>• be a registered owner of property in the service area defined for the AAP (<b>i.e. Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, and View Royal</b>); for at least 30 days; and,</li><li>• not be disqualified under the <i>Local Government Act</i>, or any other enactment from voting in a local election or be otherwise disqualified by law.</li></ul> |
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### \*Notes for non-resident property elector(s):

- *Section 86(7) of the Community Charter requires the elector's full name and residential address or the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to register as a non-resident property elector in order for this response form to be counted.*
- *Only one non-resident property elector may sign an elector response form per property, regardless of how many people own the property; and, that owner must have the written consent of a majority of the other property owner(s) to sign the response form on their behalf. Property owned in whole or in part by a corporation does not qualify under the non-resident property elector provisions.*

**AAP Communications Channels for Bylaw No. 4699: Core Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Authorization**

| <b>Publisher</b> | <b>Channel</b>   | <b>Region</b> | <b>Cost</b>    | <b>Publish Date</b>           |
|------------------|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Times Colonist   | Print  | Regional      | \$2,688        | June 18, 25<br>July 11, 25    |
| Black Press      | Print (Victoria News,<br>Goldstream Gazette,<br>Oak Bay News,<br>Saanich News) | Core Area     | \$5,163        | June 24<br>July 6, 15, 22     |
| CRD              | CRD Website  | Regional      | n/a            | June 18                       |
| Meta, LinkedIN   | Facebook, LinkedIN   | Regional      | n/a            | June 19<br>July 11<br>July 29 |
| CRD              | Notice Board   | Fisgard Lobby | n/a            | June 18                       |
| CRD              | Email Public Notices<br>(Subscribers List and<br>GetInvolved )                 | Regional      | n/a            | Week of June 22               |
| <b>Total</b>     |  |               | <b>\$7,851</b> |                               |

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Core Area Wastewater Service



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## What is the Core Area and Western Communities Liquid Waste Management Service (the “Service”)?

- The CRD’s Liquid Waste Management Service takes a comprehensive approach to managing wastewater, stormwater, and other liquid wastes from the participating municipalities. The Core Area and Western Communities Liquid Waste service supports Victoria, Esquimalt, Saanich, Oak Bay, View Royal, Langford and Colwood. The service is designed to protect public health, safeguard the environment, and support the region’s critical infrastructure. The service’s primary function is to collect wastewater from the seven municipalities and two First Nations and carry the untreated wastewater to the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant where it is treated before the effluent is discharged to the marine environment. Residual solids from the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant are piped to the Residuals Treatment Facility at Hartland Landfill, where they are treated and turned into Class A biosolids. The service also includes operational, educational, and regulatory programs to ensure safe waste discharge and address the impacts of contaminants. This work reflects the CRD’s ongoing commitment to environmental protection and community well-being.

## Why is a long-term capital program for the Service needed?

- A long-term capital program helps identify, prioritize and plan the funding needed to deliver required wastewater projects. It provides a holistic five-year view of project timing, funding requirements, and delivery schedules to help projects be delivered as planned.
- While the CRD regularly undertakes system renewal and improvement work, existing loan funding has now been fully utilized. Additional funding is therefore required to support planned capital investments over the next five years.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## What would the proposed borrowing authority support?

- If approved, the proposed borrowing authority would support capital renewal and upgrade projects identified in the 2026 to 2030 Financial Plan. Actual financing would only be accessed later, as needed, through subsequent Board-approved borrowing steps.
- These investments are necessary to maintain service reliability and help ensure critical wastewater infrastructure continues to operate as intended.
- Timely renewal and improvements of aging wastewater assets reduce the risk of system failures that could lead to environmental impacts, regulatory non-compliance, or costly emergency repairs.
- Proactive investment extends asset life and supports the safe, reliable collection and treatment of wastewater.

## What is the total borrowing authority being proposed?

- The total Core Area Wastewater capital plan for 2026 to 2030 is \$100.05 million. Of that amount, up to \$59.29 million is currently planned to be funded through borrowing, subject to the required approval steps.
  - The proposed borrowing authority is split between two bylaws:
    - **Bylaw No. 4750 - \$24.45 million**, for capital projects already reflected in the CRD's Liquid Waste Management Plan, which was approved by the BC Ministry of Environment
    - **Bylaw No. 4699 - \$34.84 million**, for additional capital renewal and upgrade works arising since approval of the Liquid Waste Management Plan and requiring elector approval.

## What projects will this funding support?

- Projects identified in the CRD's approved 2026 Financial Plan that would be supported through this funding include, but are not limited to:
  - Core Area Sewers, Manholes and Chamber Repairs & Upgrades

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Core Area Wastewater Service

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- Shoreline Trunk Sewer Upgrade
- Pump Station Renewal Program
- Design, site planning, and air quality modelling for introducing carbonisation technology at the Residuals Treatment Facility

## Who can participate in this AAP?

- Eligible electors within the service area may participate in the AAP. This includes electors in the participating Core Area jurisdiction served by the Core Area Wastewater system which includes:
  - Victoria
  - Esquimalt
  - Saanich
  - Oak Bay
  - View Royal
  - Langford
  - Colwood

## What is the expected approval timeline of the AAP?

- The anticipated timing for the Core Area Liquid Waste Service AAP is as follows:
  - March 11, 2026 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading of Bylaw No. 4699 by the CRD Board, with direction to proceed to an AAP
  - March 12 to May 7, 2026 – Bylaw No. 4699 receives approval of the Inspector of Municipalities
  - June 10, 2026 – AAP requirements reviewed by the CRD Board
  - June 18, 2026 – AAP response period begins
  - July 31, 2026 – AAP response period ends
  - September 9, 2026 – AAP results reported to the CRD Board and, if applicable, final adoption of Bylaw No. 4699

# Frequently Asked Questions

Core Area Wastewater Service



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## What if elector approval is not obtained?

- If elector approval is not obtained, meaning more than 10% of the eligible electors submit elector response forms by the AAP deadline, the CRD may either proceed to assent voting (referendum) not more than 80 days after the deadline for receiving elector response forms or reconsider the proposed bylaws and next steps.

## Where can I find more information on the AAP process?

- For more information about the Alternative Approval Process (AAP), including who can participate, where to find a response form, and how forms may be submitted, please visit [www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP](http://www.crd.ca/Wastewater-AAP)