

Maliview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Community Update



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The Capital Regional District (CRD) is in the process of upgrading the Maliview Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on Salt Spring Island to comply with provincial requirements, federal wastewater regulations and the *Fisheries Act*. This update provides information about the project to share with residents outlining what has been done recently and next steps.

Completed to Date

The design for the plant upgrade consisted of conceptual, preliminary and final design which has been completed up to the tender package of drawings. The major equipment for the project was put out for competitive tender, was purchased and is being stored at CRD facilities.

Petition

The Maliview Sewer Commission approved the petition process for the ratepayer assent. The Petition for the Loan authorization was approved by the ratepayers in August 2025. The CRD Legal team confirmed the result and the Loan Authorization Bylaw proceeded to third reading at the CRD Board (October 2025) and was then submitted to the B.C. Inspector of Municipalities (November 2025). The Inspector of Municipalities' approval was received and CRD Board adopted the Bylaw in January 2026. The Loan Authorization Bylaw will sit for a 30 day quashing period before funds can be released in February 2026. Tender for the construction portion of the project can be issued once the funds are released.

In Progress

The CRD is preparing to issue an Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the construction portion of the project once the complete funding is available. The ITT will be issued publicly and will follow our [Procurement Policy](#) to ensure that we attain the best value from suitably qualified contractors using processes that are competitive, open, transparent and non-discriminatory. We are working with the design consulting firm to prepare the tender package including project scope and conditions.

An effluent permit amendment is required from the B.C. Ministry of Environment when treatment equipment changes are made. We submitted our documentation package in June and are waiting for the amendment.

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Construction

The construction will begin following successful award of the contract. The project schedule including commissioning will be developed together with the contractor. Construction could begin as early as May 2026.

Inflow and Infiltration Investigation and Repair

As a requirement under the Municipal Wastewater Regulation, the CRD must undertake a study to determine the inflow and infiltration of groundwater and rainwater into the sewer conveyance lines and recommend measures to reduce it, as well as timelines for implementing these measures. This work will take place in 2026 and will involve video inspection of the sewer pipe, as well as smoke testing to identify repair and remediation work which will be completed on a priority basis. The funding for the I&I repairs is also debt funded.

Additional Information

More information about the Maliview sewer system and treatment facility can be found on the [Maliview Estates Wastewater Treatment page](#) and additional project information can be found on the [Maliview Wastewater Infrastructure Update page](#).