



## What You Need to Know

# Updating Our Liquid Waste Management Plans

The CSRD is currently updating its Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) and proposing to introduce a new rebate program to encourage property owners to maintain the health of their septic systems. The project will include technical work alongside engagement with the public and Indigenous Partners throughout 2023.

## What is a Liquid Waste Management Plan?

Liquid Waste Management Plans (LWMPs) are formal, binding documents required and approved by the Minister of Environment but led by local governments. LWMPs need to be updated when local conditions change to trigger the creation of a new one.

### TWO GOALS FOR ALL LMWPS



Protect Public Health & the Environment



Consult with the Public & First Nations Communities

### PROJECT TIMELINE

LWMP Progress Report  
Winter/Spring 2021

Engagement w/  
Ministry of Environment  
Summer/Fall 2021

Septic Smart 2.0 Study  
Spring/Summer 2022

Engagement for  
Septic Rebates  
Spring 2023

First Nations Consultation  
Through 2023

LWMP Update Reports  
Fall 2023

Submit & Finalize with  
Ministry of Environment  
Winter 2023

Continue Service Delivery  
Spring 2024 & Beyond

**What is a Liquid Waste?**

Liquid waste is wastewater, including fats, oils and grease, and stormwater run off.

### Liquid Waste Services Delivered by the CSRD

For regional districts who do not own wastewater treatment plants, such as the CSRD, a LWMP tends to focus on proper and proactive septic system management.

In 2010, the CSRD launched a Septic Smart education campaign, which focused on education around maintenance and upkeep. The CSRD also conducts environmental monitoring in areas that are sensitive to liquid waste.

### CSR ADMINISTERS FOUR LWMP SERVICE AREAS

**Electoral Area C/G**  
South Shuswap

**Electoral Area F**  
Scotch Creek, Celista, Anglemont

**Electoral Area E**  
All Unincorporated Areas (Swansea Point, Anniz Bay, Malakwa)

**Electoral Area F**  
Seymour Arm

Water is a valuable resource and once used, we have a responsibility to ensure the it goes back into the ground as clean as it came out. Good septic system maintenance helps to achieve this.



## Septic Smart 2.0: Proposed Rebates for Good Septic Health

The exploration of a new septic system rebate program is a key focus of the LWMPs review and update.

We do not plan to change the tax requisition type or funding amount to develop and administer the rebate program. Instead, we will proceed incrementally to build the program over multiple years.

Rebates for property owners to upgrade their septic systems exist in other regional districts in B.C. Those programs are often fully subscribed causing more proactive maintenance than would otherwise happen without the rebates.

Today, proper and proactive septic system management remains the primary need to protect public health and the environment in all four service areas.



## CSR D's 2023 Engagement Activities to Update the LWMPs

CSR D will engage local residents in the four service areas to:

- communicate the importance of upgrading and maintaining septic systems
- evaluate level of support for a rebate program
- review the need for a community septic system
- understand the level of support for the consolidation from 2 to 1 service areas (Area F only)



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