

New Westminster Waterfront

# Liquid Waste Management Plan

COLLECTIVE ACTIONS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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- 2001 LWMP
  - Focus on overflows
- 2002 LWMP Directives
  - Secondary: Lions Gate & Iona















# **COMMITMENT ON COMBINED SEWERS**

- 2007 CSO Tank
- Sewer separation:
  - FSA by 2075
  - VSA by 2050
- 2011 LWMP: stay course



#### THE CURRENT LWMP UPDATE

Currently in Phase 3



### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Affordability for residents
- Partnerships and developing plans with First Nations



# WWTP UPGRADE AND EXPANSION SCHEDULE

In Capital & Long Range Plans

WWTP	Scope	Anticipated operation
North Shore	Upgrade	2030
Northwest Langley	Growth expansion + upgrade	2030 – 2035
Annacis Island	Growth expansion	2030 – 2035
	Regional biosolids dryer	2032 – 2037
	Partial ammonia removal	2038 – 2043
Iona Island	Upgrade	2035 – 2040

## **REDUCE DEMANDS ON SYSTEM**

i) Dry Weather Flows





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iii) Wet Weather Flows

- Up to 80% of wet weather flow from leaky pipes on private properties
- Fixing leaky pipes costs 10 times less than building bigger sanitary systems



# PRICING BASED ON USAGE

Shift to Wet Weather Pricing

- Historical
  25 percentile
- Separated systems
  75 percentile
- Combined systems
  60 percentile
- 10-yr Phase-in
  Commenced 2024



Percentile

# RAINWATER MANAGEMENT & WATERSHED HEALTH

New and notable actions

Members will:

- Involve First Nations in developing Integrated Watershed Management Plans (IWMPs)
- Align IWMPs and land-use planning
- Expand green infrastructure
- Dedicate budget for rainwater management
  Metro Vancouver will:
- Establish Advisory Comm. (REAC+RPAC)
- Supporting position.



# SAVE BILLIONS, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS

This plan will reduce demands on the system to:

- Defer large costly expansions
  17 storage units removed from LRP
- Reduce overflows
- Reduce flooding and community impacts





Scope of LWMP Update

#### Additional information:

https://metrovancouver.org/services/liquidwaste/Pages/liquid-waste-management-plan-update.aspx

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# What the City is doing – Sewer Separation

The City is mandated to meet the LWMP objective – **ZERO** combined sewer overflows by 2075.

- Sewer separation is the City's best value for the investment to meet the mandate
  - Separating the sewers removes the most rainwater from the system to reduce the volume of the CSO to the Fraser River
- ✤ To date, public side combined sewers are 50% separated with an average separation rate of 1.5%/year.
- Currently working on sewer separation in the City's West End neighbourhood (present ~ 2027)
  - The West End neighbourhood sewers currently generate the greatest proportion of chronic municipal combined sewer overflows in the City



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# **Rainwater Management**

Under the LWMP – member municipalities are required to have Integrated Stormwater Management Plans as well as implement green infrastructure to improve watershed health – Brunette and Fraser River watersheds.

The City adopted its Integrated Stormwater Management Plan in 2017. Work is underway on implementation, with the focus on the public side.



#### **Projects Completed:**

- ♦ Queens Park Rain Garden
- ♦ City Hall Stormwater Feature
- ✤ 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rain Gardens
- ✤ Agnes Greenway Rain Gardens

#### **Current Project:**

- ✤ West End Rain Gardens
  - 24 Rain Gardens to be installed as part of the larger ICIP grant funded project for Sewer Separation and Green Infrastructure Program (~\$10.5M)

