



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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Open House for the Okanagan Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Design

An Open House is being held on Wednesday September 22nd from 4 pm to 8 pm at Okanagan Falls Elementary School Gymnasium to discuss the design of the new wastewater treatment plant in Okanagan Falls. The RDOS, Advisory Design Committee and AECOM Canada Ltd. have been busy refining the design to produce the most efficient, economical and socially acceptable solution.

To make sure public concerns were heard during the design of the new treatment plant, an Advisory Design Committee was assembled and began meeting in July. The committee gathered several times to discuss the emerging design and the costs of the new treatment plant. Many ideas for cost savings were considered, as were several options for the appearance of the plant structures at the new site.

The cost of treatment and the desire to minimize the cost to area residents required that all effluent management options, other than the absolutely necessary river outfall, be delayed until a later phase. In the future when additional grant money becomes available for the effluent reuse options, the Vaseux Lake Wetlands and seasonal irrigation options could be added.

A consensus on the overall design and scope for the new wastewater plant has been reached and feedback from the community is desired. All feedback from the community at the Open House will be considered before the final design is made for the treatment plant.

Additional Resources:

- September 2010 newsletter available on the RDOS website
- RDOS website: previous studies for the Okanagan Falls and area

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