

Report from Fairfield Gonzales community Association Land Use Committee

Community Meeting January 11, 2017, 7:00PM

Saanich room, Victoria Conference Centre

Clover Point Rezoning Application by Capital Regional District

25 people in attendance

CALUC members in attendance: Susan Kainer, Alice Albert, Heather Murphy,

Andrew Brownwright, Robin Jones,

Don Monsour (partial), David Biltek

Major Concerns:

Odours from wastewater pumping station

Noise from pumps

Finished designs

Final designs were not available because tenders have not been finalized.
Neighbourhood request opportunity to review these before construction

Construction of plant and of pipeline to McLaughlin

Mitigation there will be substantial construction in and around the new plant as well as along the new pipeline route.

The neighbourhood would like to be apprised of what measures the CRD and the City of Victoria will put in place to mitigate disruptions from construction noise, traffic, replacement parking, construction debris and dirt, as well as lighting, safety and any other matter that would impact “quiet enjoyment”.

Remediation once construction is complete what will area over pipeline. What cycle paths, landscaping, new parking lots, fences, trees, etc., suggestions made included: putting power lines underground, electric car recharging station. Particular comments were made requesting that the plaza on top of plant

be kept flat, i.e. no towers, obelisks, or raised areas that might obstruct

The CALUC did make a commitment to host a meeting specifically on the redesign of the Dallas Road Boulevard. We are happy to do this sooner rather than later. There was substantial concern on the “look” of a remediated Dallas Road boulevard.

Addendum : comment about use of native Plants

On East slope is a special native plant called Sea thrift (*Armeria maritima*). The plant is a mound that grows close to the ground showing a multitude of pink flowers in mid spring. As the City of Victoria Parks department have ceased cutting the east slope, the display of Sea thrift over the past two or three years has become a spectacular sea of pink. It is probably the best example of our native Sea thrift anywhere in this region. Also growing among the Sea thrift is a native plant called Gumweed (*Grindelia integrifolia*) which is more common than Sea thrift nevertheless a showy plant with a later bright yellow bloom. If there does have to be some upheaval of their surroundings hope that the plants be transplanted to other areas of Clover Point.

Suggest that native plants be used for any landscaping that needs to be done in and around the area where the waste management expansion project might be developed. Native plants are incredibly drought resistant, easy to grow, attract beneficial wildlife, don't need chemicals and are beautiful! And, of course, they are what grow naturally in this region.