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Lake Discharge Prohibition

The Municipal Sewage Regulation (MSR) Amendment has been amended to continue (without expiration) the prohibition of direct discharge of treated sewage to Shuswap Lake, and to extend the prohibition to White Lake and the portion of Mara Lake within the CSR. This amendment has been made in support of, and as a direct result of, the CSR Liquid Waste Management Planning processes.

Through the Liquid Waste Management Planning processes, the public voiced strong support for the permanent prohibition of direct discharge of treated effluent. The amendment effectively closes the door to developers acquiring a registration from the Ministry of Environment through the MSR to directly discharge treated effluent to the lake. Discharge of treated effluent to the lake by local government in the future will only occur with the support of an approved Liquid Waste Management Plan, and the public has opportunity to provide input throughout a Liquid Waste Management Planning process.

“On behalf of all the CSR Directors, the Order in Council to amend the MSR to permanently prohibit the discharge of treated effluent to Shuswap Lake, White Lake, and the portion of Mara Lake within the CSR is a significant milestone, and we thank the public for its strong support, the volunteers that served on the advisory committees, the CSR staff that worked on the plans, and the Ministry of Environment”, says Chair Marty Bootsma.

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