

SECTION 7- DEVELOPMENT SERVICING STANDARDS

7.1 WATER SERVICE

Land and development within the Plan Area are serviced by individual water sources including groundwater wells and surface water from lakes and rivers. An existing campground facility provides users with water from a private system. This Plan does not anticipate the development of either public or private community water systems.

Policies: Water Service

Action:

1. The Regional District shall not support the development of public or private community water systems for residential development within the Plan Area.
2. Notwithstanding Policy 7.1.1, the Regional District shall require the development of a private water system of an appropriate standard for campground developments with greater than 50 campsites.
3. The Regional District will ensure that applications for development or subdivision of land proceed only where evidence of the appropriate water supply is provided and necessary approvals are attained.

7.2 SEWERAGE TREATMENT

Conventional on-site septic fields are presently the primary method of effluent treatment used in the Plan Area. This situation will continue into the future, as it is not anticipated that a publicly funded community sewerage system will be developed within the Plan Area. The ability to develop land and the density at which it is development can be limited by the capacity of the soil to absorb septic effluent. Rigorous regulations as well as a strong desire to protect the quality of groundwater sources have resulted in the creation of acceptable development and density standards.

Policies: Sewerage Treatment

Action:

1. The Regional District shall not support the development of sewerage package treatment plants other than for individual dwellings on individual parcels and encourages the Ministry of Environment and the Central Vancouver Island Health Board to give due consider to this position during their approval processes.

2. The Regional District shall encourage the Central Vancouver Island Health Board to continue to consider the cumulative impact of the establishment of new septic field systems within the Plan Area in their subdivision review process.
3. The Regional District will continue to monitor technological advances in sewerage disposal and may review the density and servicing requirements of this Plan and the Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw in conjunction with changes in technology or provincial sewerage disposal regulations.
4. Community sewer service shall not be extended into the Plan Area, except in response to public health necessity.

7.3 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Regional District currently provides garbage collection and recycling services in the Plan Area. The Regional District of Nanaimo Waste Management Facility serves as the base of the waste management program for the District. A solid waste management strategy is currently being developed by the Regional District, which will indicate alternative sites for future solid waste management operations.

Policies: Solid Waste Management

Action:

1. The siting and development of a region-serving landfill and/or recycling facility within the Plan Area shall not be supported.¹
2. The Regional District shall promote efficient and cost-effective delivery of garbage and recycling services in the Plan Area.

¹ *Note to Reader:* Any policies in this plan that relate to the siting of a landfill and/or recycling facility within the plan area can be superseded by the Waste Management Plan of the Regional District of Nanaimo through provisions in the *Waste Management Act* of the Province of British Columbia.

7.4 FIRE PROTECTION

A number of community services are supplied by or administered through organizations other than the Regional District. The Mountain Fire Protection District provides fire protection for East Wellington while Pleasant Valley receives fire protection from the City of Nanaimo through a specified area administered by the Regional District. Although present facilities appear adequate to serve the immediate needs of the area, it is anticipated that an expansion of services may be required in response to an increasing population.

Policies: Fire Protection

Action:

1. The Regional District supports efficient and cost-effective fire protection service, which maximizes the safety of area residents and their property.
2. The Regional District supports the expansion of fire protection service should population growth necessitate it.

7.5 EDUCATION

Nanaimo School District No. 68 is responsible for the administration of one elementary school within the Plan Area - Mountain View Elementary in East Wellington. The Regional District encourages long-range planning of community's educational needs and supports additional facilities should population changes warrant it. School District No. 68 has identified the need for an additional facility to serve new population in Lantzville and the north end of the City of Nanaimo. To date, no specific site or location has been selected.

Policies: Education

Action:

1. The Regional District Board shall consult with the School District on an annual basis and shall request input on the size, number and location of potential school sites, the type of school anticipated, the timing for providing new school facilities and how existing and proposed school facilities relate to existing and proposed community facilities in the area.
2. The Regional District shall coordinate school site and parks and open space planning and acquisition with the School District.

Figure 7.1

