

JFK's nephew joins local waste-water treatment firm's board of directors

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. sits on the board of directors of Vancouver-based Ostara Nutrient Recovery Technologies Inc.

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VANCOUVER — Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will lend his environmental expertise to a Vancouver-based company that aims to clean up waste water across North America.

The prominent environmental lawyer and nephew of former U.S. president John F. Kennedy has joined the board of directors of Ostara Nutrient Recovery Technologies Inc.

The firm removes polluting nutrients such as phosphates from waste water and turns them into commercial fertilizer using technology developed by and licensed from the University of B.C.

Ostara announced the appointment Wednesday to coincide with a visit by Kennedy to the company's headquarters in downtown Vancouver.

"Bobby is a recognized expert on water management and an active environmentalist," Phillip Abrary, president and CEO of Ostara, said in a statement.

Kennedy is a partner in a venture capital firm called VantagePoint Venture Partners, which has been a significant Ostara shareholder since 2008.

He has a strong reputation within the U.S. environmental community and believes clean water is an important legacy to give to future generations.

"We need to start protecting our environmental infrastructure," Kennedy said in an interview with The Vancouver Sun.

