



Agenda No: 3.1
Mtg Date: Jan 14, 2010

Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

DATE: January 7, 2010

The following resolution was deferred at December 14, 2009 Regional Board meeting. Attached is the December 14th staff report for consideration.

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THAT the following resolution be *DEFERRED* until the District of West Kelowna Council considers the recommendation and options presented by staff at their December 15, 2009 Council meeting:

Deferred resolution

THAT the Regional Board support the use of the Westside Landfill as the new site of the residential garbage, recycling, and yard waste transfer station;

AND THAT landfill reserve funds be used to make the necessary modifications to the existing transfer station;

AND FURTHER THAT staff develop options for sharing the costs equitably among all residents and users of the facility and report back to the Regional Board for consideration prior to final 2010 budget deliberations;

AND FURTHER THAT staff continue to consult and educate stakeholders on landfill/transfer station operations and plans.

AND FURTHER THAT the resolution be brought back to the January 14, 2010 Board meeting for further consideration.

CARRIED



Agenda No: 6.14

Mtg Date: Dec. 14/09

Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board
FROM: Development & Environmental Services
DATE: December 14, 2009
SUBJECT: Westside Transfer Station

Recommendation:

THAT the Regional Board support the use of the Westside Landfill as the new site of the residential garbage, recycling, and yard waste transfer station;

AND THAT landfill reserve funds be used to make the necessary modifications to the existing transfer station;

AND THAT staff develops options for sharing the costs equitably among all residents and users of the facility and report back to the Regional Board for consideration prior to final 2010 budget deliberations;

AND THAT staff continue to consult and educate stakeholders on landfill/transfer station operations and plans.

Rational:

- The 1993 and 2008 Landfill closure plans recommended that the Westside Landfill site continue to be used as a waste transfer station to service the needs of Westside residents.
- Staff from all stakeholder municipalities support the development of a transfer station at the site of the Westside Landfill.
- Public consultation indicates that between 73% and 91% of Westside residents think it is important or very important to have a garbage, recyclables and yard waste drop-off on the Westside once the landfill is closed.
- City of Kelowna staff have formally indicated on numerous occasions that the Glenmore Landfill cannot accept residential traffic from the Westside due to traffic capacity limitations.
- Reserve funds totaling \$470,000 have been set aside for Transfer Station capital costs.
- Staff from all stakeholder municipalities recognize and support that the transfer station revenue will come from a combination of tipping fees and user taxation.

Background:

In anticipation of an early closure the Regional District initiated a public consultation process to assess the needs and wants of all Westside residents and stakeholders and their willingness to pay for service. A questionnaire was designed and distributed via direct-mail to landfill

neighbours, and via the Internet and at various community outlets (i.e., the Westside Landfill and the Districts of Peachland and Westside and Westbank First Nation offices) for other residents. Additionally, a proportional population and statistically valid telephone survey was conducted. Below is a summary the survey results:

Volunteer mail-in and drop-off survey (1250 respondents):

- 81% think it is important or very important (66%) to have a garbage drop-off on the Westside once the landfill is closed
- 91% think it is important or very important (86%) to have a yard waste drop-off on the Westside once the landfill is closed
- 86% think it is important or very important (68%) to have a recyclables drop-off on the Westside once the landfill is closed

Telephone survey (210 respondents; accuracy rate of +/- 6% 19 times of 20):

- 76% think it is important or very important (51%) to have a garbage drop-off on the Westside once the landfill is closed
- 74% think it is important or very important (46%) to have a yard waste drop-off on the Westside once the landfill is closed
- 73% think it is important or very important (44%) to have a recyclables drop-off on the Westside once the landfill is closed

The 1993 closure plan projected a 2010-2013 closure date for active land filling. The timeline for landfill closure was expedited to 2010 due to available airspace and public lobbying. Based on 2009 landfill scale data, it is anticipated that the Westside Landfill will reach capacity by mid-2010 at which point waste transfer to Glenmore Landfill will commence. City of Kelowna has approved the bulk transfer of all self-haul garbage and yard waste from the Westside Transfer Station to the Glenmore Landfill. To minimize capital and operational costs, a modified version of the existing waste transfer station system will be utilized.

A meeting with staff from municipal stakeholders including Regional District of Central Okanagan, District of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, and Westbank First Nations on November 20, 2009 resulted in unanimous support on the following points:

- The Westside Transfer Station is to be located at the Westside Landfill site;
- The Westside Transfer Station will utilize the existing site layout with some modifications to improve efficiency; and
- Taxation of users will be used to recover costs over and above tipping fee revenue starting in 2010.

Preliminary budget values presented at the meeting suggest approximately \$500,000 of the 2010 Westside Landfill/Transfer Station operating expenses will not be covered by tipping fees. Assuming a tax base of 18,250, each household would contribute approximately \$27.40 per year toward the operation of the Westside Landfill/Transfer Station in 2010.

Issues that need to be resolved prior to finalizing the 2010 Westside Landfill/Transfer Station operating budget:

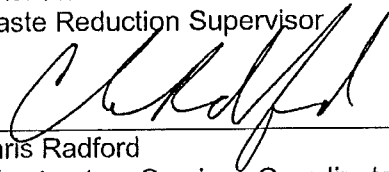
1. A decision from the City of Kelowna regarding reducing tipping fees on garbage and yard waste.
2. Support for District of Summerland and City of Kelowna on operating the Landfill and Transfer Station at reduced hours (four days a week including all statutory holidays).

3. Transfer Station tipping fees (contingent on tipping fees charged at the Glenmore Landfill).
4. Cost benefit analysis of transporting chipped versus unchipped yard and garden waste.

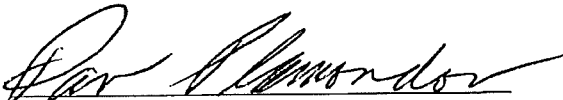
The Regional District has a long history of consulting and educating stakeholders about the Westside Landfill and will continue to consult municipal stakeholders at the monthly Solid Waste Technical Advisory Committee meetings, presentations to municipal councils, and through individual meetings. Consultation and education of the public will also continue through public meetings, media releases, and the monthly Westside Landfill Closure Newsletter.



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