



# News Release

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## Westside Landfill Closure and Conceptual Plans

Key plans are being drafted to help guide the Regional District of Central Okanagan with the planned closure during 2010 of the Westside Sanitary Landfill. The landfill serves residents and businesses through the Westside District Municipality, District of Peachland and Westbank First Nation reserves.

The Engineering consulting firm CH2M Hill was contracted to develop the Detailed Closure Plan and a Concept design for a possible convenience transfer station that could be located at the landfill, once it is closed and no longer burying solid waste materials. The Regional Board was recently updated on the process of developing those plans and a similar briefing is scheduled for the Westside District Municipality council tomorrow.

In the mid-90's, the Provincial Government approved a Landfill Operations and Closure Plan for the Asquith Road landfill site. Now that the planned 2010 closure is approaching, a more detailed plan is required in order to meet current Ministry of Environment requirements, including possible landscaping, allowable uses and monitoring of the site for at least 25 years after it is closed.

The consulting team is also working on the concept design, costs and services that could possibly be offered at a convenience transfer station facility, which would be essential in meeting objectives of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. With the introduction of the automated waste collection cart program early next year, all residential curbside waste collected from the Westside District Municipality and District of Peachland will be transported to the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill. This should result in a corresponding reduction of traffic and activity in and around the Westside landfill.

Regional District staff will continue to work with the Westside District Municipality and other stakeholders throughout the development of the Closure Plan and Conceptual Design to determine the feasibility of providing a convenience transfer station and the associated costs, once the landfill is closed. As the development process is continuing, earlier plans for public sessions in early November have been postponed. The Regional District remains committed to hosting a number of information meetings, providing residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to comment on the proposed plans, services and costs.

The Regional District has developed a webpage for information regarding the Westside landfill closure. It can be accessed on the Regional District website ([www.regionaldistrict.com](http://www.regionaldistrict.com)) selecting the Quick Links option and clicking on Landfill Closure.

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