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Westside Landfill Closure Moves Closer

The Regional District is moving another step closer to closing the Westside Sanitary Landfill site off Alexandria Way.

As of Monday, June 1st, the Westside Landfill will no longer accept any materials collected by commercial haulers. Instead, commercial customers must go to the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill to dispose of any garbage, construction and demolition, yard waste and other materials.

Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says, "This new diversion of waste only affects commercial operators and businesses and does not impact residential self-haul waste. Residents may continue to drop off their solid waste at the Westside Landfill location."

"Earlier this year" Smith says, "as we started moving toward closing the Westside Landfill, we began diverting all large commercial haulers to the City's Glenmore Landfill site. And in March, as the new curbside automated waste program began in the District of West Kelowna and Peachland, all of that material has also been going to the Glenmore Landfill for disposal."

Smith says, "The Regional District continues to work on a main plan that will guide us in closing the Westside Landfill. We anticipate that we will reach our final elevation and grade later this summer or during the fall, at which time we will no longer accept materials to be buried within the landfill, located just off Asquith Road in West Kelowna. We anticipate some level of residential drop off service will continue for at least a year or two at the Westside Landfill, to allow the City of Kelowna to make adjustments to handle the additional traffic at its landfill site off Glenmore Road."

The Regional District recently received a draft Concept Closure Plan that will be considered by the Regional Board in the coming weeks. It's anticipated a presentation will also be made on this plan to the District of West Kelowna Council and then a Public Information meeting will be scheduled to advise the greater community of the plan contents, possible future services and associated costs.

In order to meet current Ministry of Environment requirements, including possible landscaping, allowable uses and gas and groundwater monitoring of the site for at least 25 years after it is closed, a consultant is expected to be contracted this summer to develop a Final Closure Plan.

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) selecting the Quick Links option and clicking on Landfill Closure.

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