



Westside Landfill Newsletter

May 2010



Welcome to the May update on the operations of the Westside Landfill.

- Garbage continues to be buried and covered daily in the south-centre section so that this area can be brought up to slope and grade necessary for final closure.
- As fill material becomes available some is being stockpiled for use once final contours are confirmed at which time it will be redistributed during the closure process. Dust mitigation and watering of the site will continue take place as it is needed.
- Site preparation and configuration of the new Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre is nearing completion. Berm work and landscaping of this area will be confirmed in the Final Closure Plan for the entire property.
- Sloping may take place in various areas for final grading and elevation and this could result in some temporary openings of previously buried materials and dispersal of odours. Should this occur, cover materials will be replaced at the end of each daily working period in an attempt to reduce any inconvenience.

Please note that these are anticipated plans for operations at the landfill and are subject to change.

News and Information

Yard Waste and Wood Drop Off

- During April 67 loads of yard and wood waste were trucked from the Asquith Road location to the Glenmore Landfill where the material is being processed.

Landfill Closure and Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre

- Thank you to those who were able to attend one of the five Information Meetings held during April. Welcome as well to all those residents who signed up for the email distribution of this monthly newsletter. Display panels at the sessions provided information about the Landfill Closure and outlined plans to continue offering a convenient residential drop off at the Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre on the four busiest days of the week, Friday-Saturday-Sunday-Monday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. The Recycling area will remain open seven days a week. The New Westside Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre will continue to provide the same services as before, at the same tipping fees. This includes the popular free yard waste drop-off. The main difference is that that the garbage will be hauled to the Glenmore Landfill instead of being buried on site. Information on costs was also provided at the open houses. Since the early nineties, the RDCO has been saving funds to cover the costs to close the Westside Landfill (final cover, drainage controls, ongoing monitoring, etc) and these costs are covered. As the final use for the site was unknown at that time, the costs to operate the new site were not included. Now that it has been determined a temporary residential drop off centre will be in place, there is a cost of approximately \$26 per year per parcel of land – about \$2 per month – to maintain a convenient location on the Westside.

Overall, we heard a number of comments including strong support for ensuring that there will continue to be a place to drop off excess garbage, recycling, yard and wood waste and other materials at the Asquith Road location even after the landfill closes. We're also pleased that many of our neighbours attended and received information about questions and concerns they have about berms, sighting, landscaping and timelines. Many visitors to the Information Open Houses also provided their thoughts and comments by completing a questionnaire or taking one home to fill out and return at their convenience. The deadline for receiving completed questionnaires is Friday, April 30th. We'll be compiling information from them and will provide a future report.

Information about the meetings and display panels is still available on the Westside Landfill Closure webpage.

- Congratulations to these lucky winners of an Earth Machine Backyard Composter. Their names were randomly selected from among those participating in the draw at our Information sessions: B. Ashton, S. Siemens, R. Parkes, M. Simmonds and D. Barker. The Regional Waste Reduction Office will contact winners to make arrangements for receiving their new Earth Machine!
- Development of the new Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre is being funded from approximately \$470,000 set aside in reserve funds for the required modifications
- Consultant CH2MHill continues to develop the Final Closure Plan outlining landscaping, environmental monitoring and future uses for the property, including the temporary residential waste disposal and recycling centre, once final grades and elevations are reached and active land filling ceases. We anticipate receiving the Final Closure Plan over the next few months for Regional Board consideration.
- The Westside Landfill remains open and active with residential garbage collected in drop off bins buried at the site. Based on current volumes of self-haul garbage, we anticipate reaching the final grade and contours by mid-2010.

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