



Westside Landfill Newsletter

October 2008

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

- **Landfill Operation** – It's anticipated that chipping of yard waste and white wood will take place each day from approximately October 1st to October 10th from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm. White wood chips will be taken for disposal by Tolko while yard and garden waste chips will be taken by Quail's Gate Family Estate winery for composting. Some of the remaining chipped materials will be stored at the landfill for use through the fall, winter and spring landfill road maintenance. As fill material is available, work will continue to increase the height of the berm on the landfill property adjacent to the Alexandria Way cul-de-sac. Pending input from the Westside District Municipality and a decision from the Regional Board, the Regional District hopes to advance \$250,000 from the Westside Landfill Closure Reserve Fund to begin final sloping and grading of areas that are no longer accepting material for burial. This work would primarily be done at the north end and along the north-east side of the landfill adjacent to Alexandria Way.

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

Your Questions? Answered –

Public Consultation on Future Services at Westside Landfill

Congratulations to Maggie Sauerwein and Adela Galata! The two Westside residents are the winners of the gift certificates offered in a random draw from among questionnaires that were completed and returned last May as we began the public consultation process into future services offered at the Westside Landfill. Maggie received a \$200 gift certificate from Save-On-Foods while Adela received a \$200 certificate from Quality Greens.

On September 16th, a news release from the Regional District was issued to outline some of the results of the questionnaire that was mailed to 100 neighbouring property owners and available to customers and other stakeholders with an interest in future services that might be offered at a convenience transfer facility. This news release also included some of the results of a statistically-valid telephone survey that was conducted from a representative sample of the population from the Westside District Municipality, District of Peachland and Westbank First Nation (WFN) reserves #9 and #10.

Generally, three-quarters of those responding to both the questionnaire and the telephone survey indicated their support for the continued convenience of some kind of garbage, recycling and yard waste transfer facility. When asked if they'd be willing to pay \$85/tonne for landfill tipping fees 42% of respondents to the telephone survey said they would while 37% supported a \$15 fee per pick up load for yard waste disposal. With the questionnaire, just over half said they'd support an \$85/tonne landfill tipping fee with 53% willing to pay a \$15 per pick up load fee to dispose of yard waste.

We'd like to make it clear that no decisions have been made regarding services that could be offered or the associated costs of those services at any convenience transfer station facility. That is to be determined as the public consultation process continues this fall with planned Open Houses and Information Meetings for the entire community on the Westside, Peachland and

WFN. The details regarding dates, locations and times will be advertised and promoted once they are finalized.

The consulting team that is working on draft service options and costs is expected to unveil its work at these sessions. It may be presented that services at a transfer station could be offered inside an enclosed facility in order to reduce the impact of dust and noise by whatever services may be provided. Even if the community wanted a transfer station, the costs of transporting the collected materials to the Glenmore Landfill and the tipping fees that would be payable to the City of Kelowna for using its landfill might be prohibitive. Again, to reiterate, no decisions have been made.

We encourage community participation in the upcoming sessions providing you and opportunity to present your views, comments and thoughts through the public consultation process.

Here is the link to the webpage set up on the Regional District website for information regarding the closure of the landfill and plans for any future transfer station facility:

www.regionaldistrict.com/departments/engineering/engineering_wslandfill_yardwastecom.aspx

Automated Waste Collection Program

The Regional District continues to work on the planned roll out of the automated curbside waste collection program. Each single-family property will receive three wheeled carts: one each for garbage, recycling and yard waste. The collection of garbage will continue each week, with collection of recycling and yard waste on alternate weeks. With the automated curbside program set to begin in the first few months of 2009, it's anticipated that all garbage, recycling and yard waste material collected will be transported to the Glenmore Landfill for disposal, significantly reducing traffic and the amount of material for disposal at the Westside Landfill. For information on this program please visit the Automated Waste Collection Program webpage:

www.regionaldistrict.com/departments/waste/waste_other_progrep.aspx

Should you have any questions or comments please forward them to Bruce Smith, RDCO Communication Coordinator and we'll do our best to provide answers for you.

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