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## Excellent Response for Westside Landfill Consultation

The response from residents living west of the Bennett Bridge to a recent public consultation has been phenomenal. They were asked what services should be provided at the Westside Sanitary Landfill when it closes in 2010.

Just over 200 residents living in the Westside District Municipality, District of Peachland and Westbank First Nation reserves replied to a telephone survey while more than 1,200 people filled out and returned questionnaires.

Regional District Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says, "Over the summer, we'll compile the results from the completed questionnaires that were returned by the general public and customers using the landfill. Combined with the results of the statistically valid phone survey, we'll come up with some options for services at a transfer station that would be developed at the landfill, once it is closed and solid waste materials are no longer being buried there. We'll also outline the costs of various service options as the materials collected would have to be transported and tipping fees would apply at the Glenmore landfill."

Smith adds, "Initial findings from the telephone survey show that approximately three quarters of respondents said it was important or very important to continue to have a drop off for garbage, recycling and yard waste at the Westside landfill location on Asquith Road."

This fall, draft plans and options for possible services, costs and the layout of the proposed transfer station will be presented at a Public Information Session and Open House on the Westside. The Regional Board will be asked to consider a transfer station proposal for the site, early in the New Year.

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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