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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL WESTSIDE RESIDENTS

Westside Landfill Closure and Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre **UPDATE**



Same services, same smiles.

The Westside Landfill closes later this year – garbage will no longer be buried in the landfill.

The good news is that with the approval of a new waste disposal and recycling facility, residents can expect the same services at the same location on Asquith Road. These include drop-off for recycling, household garbage, yard waste, wood waste and appliances, as well as the Big Brothers- Big Sisters reuse-it drop off centre.

A portion of the Westside Landfill site will be turned into the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre. Instead of burying household garbage in the Westside Landfill, it will be transferred to the City of Kelowna's Glenmore Landfill, the active landfill for all Central Okanagan residents. Yard waste and recycling will continue to be transported off-site. The new waste disposal will be open Friday to Monday – on average the four busiest days of the week. The recycling centre will remain open seven days a week.

The Regional Board approved the waste disposal and recycling facility as a

temporary measure to ensure that all Westside residents continue to have a convenient, central location for recycling and excess yard waste and garbage. In the future, local governments may choose to look for an alternate location, but for now the Westside Landfill location remains the least expensive, most cost-effective option for residents of West Kelowna, Peachland, Westbank First Nation and Central Okanagan West Electoral Area.

About the Cost

The cost to develop the outdoor waste disposal and recycling centre is being paid from reserve funds; no additional tax dollars are required as the Regional District established a fund to pay for the transition years ago. However, the costs to operate the site were not included. These costs include staffing, hauling waste to the Glenmore Landfill and waste tipping fees at Glenmore.

In the past operational costs were covered by tipping fees paid by both residential

and commercial customers and not through taxation. In June 2009 when commercial waste was rerouted to Glenmore as part of the closure plan, the revenue from tipping fees decreased dramatically. As a result, the cost to operate the waste disposal and recycling facility will be shared by all residents on the west side of Okanagan Lake through a combination of taxation and user fees (tipping fees).

Starting this year, all Westside property owners will contribute towards the operation and maintenance costs of the new facility through taxation. While the total cost for each property is approximately \$26, each local government will apply the costs to local taxes accordingly. In addition, residents will continue to pay tipping fees on some materials at the gate as they do now.

Same Services

The same services, the same tipping fees and the same free services will continue at this convenient location. These include

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tipping fees for residential bagged household garbage, separated clean wood, lumber and metal waste, construction drywall, white goods and appliances, larger loads of yard waste and prunings and propane tanks. Yard waste and prunings up to 20 cm (8 inches) weighing less than 250 kg (550 lbs) and recyclables are still accepted free of charge. Commercial materials are not accepted and must be taken to the Glenmore Landfill.



About the Closure of Westside Landfill

The Westside Landfill is due to close later this year, earlier than anticipated in part, to accommodate the existing and developing adjacent residential neighbourhoods. Work has been underway to ensure that the garbage is completely and permanently covered. Closure plans for

the landfill were developed in 1993 and updated in 2009. Both identified possible future uses for the site that could include a passive park and/or a waste transfer station.

In 2008, the RDCO consulted with close to 1,500 Westside Landfill customers and residents about future services. More than 70% of survey respondents and 80% of those submitting a questionnaire felt it

was important to have continued services offered for Westside residents. Upgrading the existing site to continue to provide the same services is the most cost-effective option at this time. The main difference is that garbage will be hauled to the Glenmore Landfill instead of being buried in the Westside Landfill. ■

Join us at an Open House

Learn more about the **Westside Landfill Closure and the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre** at one of five open houses. Join us to view displays, talk to staff, provide your feedback and enjoy refreshments with friends and neighbours.

2010 Westside Landfill Open Houses

PEACHLAND

Monday, April 12th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Peachland Community
Centre
4450 – 6th Street
(Council Chamber)

WEST KELOWNA

Tuesday, April 13th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Westbank Lions
Community Centre
2466 Main Street

Tuesday, April 20th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
District of West Kelowna
Mt. Boucherie Municipal
Facility
2760 Cameron Road
(Community Portable)

WESTSIDE ROAD

Wednesday, April 14th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Killiney Beach Community Hall
514 Udell Road
(Information also available on
other Environmental Services
projects)

Thursday, April 22nd
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wilson Landing Fire Hall
2396 Westside Road
(Information also available on
other Environmental Services
projects)

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To view the displays, read our Frequently Asked Questions, and fill in our questionnaire, visit regionaldistrict.com and select Quick Links/Landfill Closure.