

Westside Residential Disposal & Recycling Centre/Landfill Closure News



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This is our update on the former Westside landfill closure.

News and Information

Landfill Closure

- It's been some time since our last official newsletter regarding the former Westside Landfill. In the time since, the Regional District and its consultants have been working with BC Ministry of Environment staff to develop a proposed Final Closure Plan for the old landfill located off Asquith Road in West Kelowna. We thank you for your patience and understanding.
- The Ministry has told us that we can now proceed with a Public Comment period on the proposed Final Closure Plan. We will also be holding an **Information Open House** in early March (see below for details).
- You can view the proposed plan and background information at www.regionaldistrict.com/landfillclosure
- Comments will be received until Friday, March 17th. You can comment by email to engineer@cord.bc.ca or by regular mail to Regional District of Central Okanagan, Environmental Services, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 3Z4 Attention: Clarke Kruiswyk, Environmental Services Analyst. All comments will be provided to the BC Environment Ministry as it considers approval of the Final Closure Plan.
- The plan outlines the planned cover system, site grading, surface water and landfill gas management along with post-closure monitoring for approximately 25 years. The Plan does not address the temporary Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre or any potential future uses of the former landfill site. We don't anticipate any changes to the operation of the residential waste and recycling transfer facility in the foreseeable future.
- You might remember that the old landfill site was closed in July 2010 and since that time no materials have been buried at the site. That's also when the residential waste disposal and recycling facility began operating to serve residents in West Kelowna, Peachland, Central Okanagan West Electoral Area and Westbank First Nation reserves #9 and #10. The landfill closed earlier than anticipated in part to accommodate the existing and developing residential neighbourhoods that are nearby.
- We are also following up on a promise that was made to neighbouring residents that when we had a proposed Final Closure Plan, that we would host a public Information Open House. That session will take place on **Wednesday, March 1st from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at the Westbank Lions Community Centre, 2466 Main Street in West Kelowna.** Information about the proposed plan will be available during this event for interested residents and businesses. We will have RDCO Environmental Services and consultant staff on hand to answer any questions that you might have. We hope you will stop by!



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