



# Westside Landfill Newsletter

March 2010



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

- Garbage continues to be buried and covered daily in the south-centre section so that this section can be brought up to slope and grade necessary for final closure.
- With continued favourable weather conditions, 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

### Landfill Closure and Transfer Station

- Consultant CH2MHill continues to develop the Final Closure Plan outlining landscaping, monitoring and future uses for the property, including a temporary convenience solid waste transfer and recycling facility, once final grades and elevations are reached and active land filling ceases. The transfer/recycling station was suggested as a possible use for the site in the 1993 Closure Plan.
- It is anticipated the Regional District Governance and Services Committee will receive an update on plans for public information meetings regarding the temporary transfer facility for the convenience of residents of the District's of West Kelowna and Peachland, Westbank First Nation reserves and the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. The March 11<sup>th</sup> committee meeting is open for public viewing at 8:30 am in the Woodhaven Board Room at the RDCO office, 1450 KLO Road.
- The Westside Landfill remains an open and active site. Based on current volumes of self-haul garbage, we anticipate reaching the final grade and contours by mid-2010.
- Once garbage is no longer being buried in the landfill, the site will continue to accept drop-off residential materials as a temporary waste and recycling transfer station, as approved by the Regional Board in January. The transfer facility will accept similar materials to what is currently accepted (household garbage, recycling and yard waste). Approximately \$470,000 in reserve funds is available for modifications to develop the new waste transfer facility.
- Once the landfill is closed and no longer active, all residential solid waste dropped off at the Westside transfer facility will be transported with additional costs to the Glenmore Landfill for disposal. During discussion and deliberations on the 2010 Financial Plan, the Regional Board will consider a report outlining equitable cost sharing options for stakeholders served and users of the convenience transfer station facility.

### Landfill Closure webpage

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