



Westside Landfill Newsletter

March 2009

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

- No unusual activities are expected during March.
- Diversion of curbside waste collected in the District of West Kelowna through the phased distribution of the new Automated Waste Collection Program wheeled carts begins March 1st as collected garbage will be transported to the Glenmore Landfill rather than Westside Landfill. Once the new cart collection program is completely up and running in District of Peachland and District of West Kelowna, all curbside garbage collection from those areas will be taken to the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill for disposal. This should substantially reduce truck hauler traffic in and around the Westside Landfill.
- With the slowdown in the construction market we don't anticipate any large deliveries of cover material during March. However, as excess cover material is retained (over and above that required for daily cover requirements) it will be used for work on the berm adjacent to Alexandria Way cul-de-sac.
- As weather permits, rough sloping and contouring will continue along the west and north-west sides of the landfill. Depending on Regional Board 2009 budget approval in late March, we anticipate similar work will be done along the north-west and east sides of the landfill, adjacent to Alexandria Way properties.

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

News and Information

Waste Water Treatment Plant Material Disposal

- In mid-February, the Regional District of Central Okanagan and City of Kelowna reached an agreement on disposal of bio-solid dewatered materials from the Regional Westside Waste Water Treatment Plant. These materials (approximately seven cubic yards a day) are now being disposed of within the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill at a rate of \$50 per tonne or approximately \$300 per day. Previously these materials were buried in the Westside Landfill at no cost to the District of West Kelowna, District of Peachland and Westbank First Nation.

Tentative Waste Diversion Dates

- Waste collected by large commercial haulers in the District of West Kelowna and District of Peachland will be diverted to the Glenmore Landfill starting March 31st further reducing traffic in and around the landfill to mostly small haulers and residential activity.
- It is anticipated that yard waste collected through the residential curbside program and white wood drop off should be diverted from the Westside Landfill to Glenmore by early summer/ late June.
- Residential self haul waste will continue to be collected at the Westside Landfill for approximately two years until upgrades are in place to handle the expected increase in self haul traffic at the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill. It's anticipated these materials will be transported by truck from the Westside until residential self haul is accepted at the Glenmore Landfill from Westside residents.

Landfill Closure webpage

Information regarding the planned closure during 2010 of the Westside Landfill is available online at www.regionaldistrict.com and selecting Quick Links and the Landfill Closure menu option. There are also links available to documents such as the 1997 Operational Certificate, 1993 Closure Plan and past newsletters.

Automated Waste Collection Program Underway

This program is underway and it's anticipated all carts will be delivered to District of West Kelowna properties by early March. Distribution of the wheeled garbage, recycling and yard waste carts is tentatively scheduled for the District of Peachland during mid-March. Information on the roll out is available on the Regional District website. For information on this program, an informative Video and a Question and Answer sheet please visit the Automated Waste Collection Program webpage on the Regional District website: www.regionaldistrict.com select Quick Links and the Automated Waste Collection Program menu option.

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

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