



## Westside Landfill Newsletter

May 2009

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

- During April, we began receiving a large volume of fill and cover material for the landfill. Deliveries of approximately 30,000 cubic metres of material are underway and will continue during May. As available, extra soil from these loads that are above daily fill and cover requirements and future closure needs will be used to increase the height of the berm along the southeastern side of the landfill property adjacent to the upper cul-de-sac on Alexandria Way. As a result of these deliveries, we anticipate increased truck traffic to the landfill area. Dust control and watering of roads will be done as required.
- Chipping of yard waste and white wood materials could continue into early May as volumes dictate as far as possible from Alexandria Way with water spraying to reduce debris spread with chipping restricted during gusty winds.
- During April, work began on a new road in the centre area of the landfill and will continue during May with the goal of eventually decommissioning the access road created last summer at the southeastern end as closure proceeds.
- During April, during rough contouring work in the southwestern section some buried and covered areas were temporarily opened resulting in odours. Please be aware that as we move to final grading and sloping of the south end of the landfill for closure, it's expected that rough contouring and sloping work may 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

#### Tentative Waste Diversion Dates

- June 1<sup>st</sup> will see all commercially collected garbage diverted to the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill. However as the Westside Landfill is still an open and active site, there may be occasional deliveries of garbage from commercial haulers past June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get the landfill to grade and contours for closure.
- By early summer/late June yard waste collected through the residential curbside program and white wood drop off should be diverted from the Westside Landfill to the Glenmore Landfill.
- We anticipate at current rates that sometime during the fall, we will reach final grade and contour levels and will stop accepting material for burial in the Westside Landfill.
- 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.

#### Final Closure Plan

Consultant CM2H Hill continues work on the Final Closure Plan for the Westside Landfill as required by the BC Ministry of Environment. When complete, the plan will be presented for consideration of the Regional Board. It's expected a presentation will also be made to the

District of West Kelowna council and that information on the Final Closure Plan will be presented during a public Open House to be scheduled and advertised at a future date.

**Landfill Closure webpage**

Information regarding the planned closure during 2010 of the Westside Landfill is available online at [www.regionaldistrict.com](http://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.

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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