



Welcome to the April 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.
- As fill material has become available it is being hauled onto the landfill site and some of it is being stockpiled for use once final contours are confirmed when it will be redistributed during the closure process. Dust mitigation and watering of the site will take place as it is needed.
- Site preparation will begin for the new Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre. Some minor excavation work is anticipated in advance of installing block walls in the Waste Disposal area to accommodate larger disposal bins.
- Yard waste collected will be hauled off site to the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill for processing instead of being chipped at the Asquith Road site.
- 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

- Five Public Information Meetings (attached Public Service Announcement) have been scheduled for residents and stakeholders to view displays, talk with RDCO Environmental Services and Regional Waste Reduction Office staff, and provide feedback regarding the planned mid-year closure of the Westside Landfill and the development of a new convenience Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre on site, after materials are no longer being buried at the landfill. The Information Open Houses are scheduled for the following locations, dates and times:
 - **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)

For those unable to attend, information from the meetings and an Exit Questionnaire will be available on the Westside Landfill Closure webpage (regionaldistrict.com – Select Quick Links/Landfill Closure menu options regarding possible future uses of the landfill portion of the site.

Advertising of these meetings will begin soon in local newspapers and information will also be available on the Regional District website and at the Westside Landfill and District of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, Westbank First Nation and Regional District offices.

- Consultant CH2MHill continues to develop the Final Closure Plan outlining landscaping, monitoring and future uses for the property, including a temporary convenience solid waste drop off and recycling facility, once final grades and elevations are reached and active land filling ceases. The waste/recycling station was suggested as a possible use for the site in the 1993 Closure Plan.
- At its March 11th meeting the Regional District Governance and Services Committee received a report on the public meeting process and outline of services that will be offered when the landfill is closed at the Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre. It's proposed the new facility will operate four days a week and provide continued drop off disposal of residential garbage, yard waste and wood waste (that will be transported to Glenmore Landfill for disposal), recycling, appliances and the handy Big Brothers/Big Sisters reuse-it drop off. No commercial or curbside waste will be accepted as these materials have been diverted to the Glenmore Landfill since June 2009.
- At this time 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.
- Development of the new Waste Disposal and Recycling facility is being funded from approximately \$470,000 set aside in reserve funds for the required modifications.
- 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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