

# Westside Residential Disposal & Recycling Centre/Landfill Closure News



## August 2010



### Welcome to the August edition of the News!

*This is our first monthly update on the operations of the new Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre. We will continue to provide updated information on the progress of the landfill closure.*

### News and Information

#### Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre

- Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> marked the start of our new Friday to Monday operation of the Westside Residential Waste Disposal facility. It also was the first day that residential garbage deposited in collection bins was no longer buried in the landfill and is now being transported to the City of Kelowna Glenmore Landfill, which is the only active landfill serving all residents of the Central Okanagan region. The Westside landfill is now closed and we hope to begin the closure process soon.
- Initial reports suggest there has been a smooth transition to the four day a week operation for solid waste disposal. We remind residents of West Kelowna, Peachland, Central Okanagan West and the Westbank First Nation reserves that recyclables are still being accepted at the site seven days a week. Please report any illegal dumping activities or sites to the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250-469-6250 or email [recycle@cord.bc.ca](mailto:recycle@cord.bc.ca).
- During the first four day operation period we noticed increased traffic, especially for people dropping off yard waste. This may have resulted from people who knew they wouldn't be able to drop off Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (when the facility is closed) and/or because they were cleaning up their yards in response to the Seclusion Bay and other area fires occurring in and around the area at this time. We will continue to monitor traffic volumes for both the Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling facilities.
- Preparation work was done and paving will be completed of the apron in front of the yard waste and white construction wood waste disposal areas and in the area adjacent to the Recycling Centre (where the former buildings were located). This will assist in easier access to these areas and help to reduce dust. As needed, water will be applied to the access leading in and around the metal, appliance, tire drop off to reduce dust.
- We will continue to make improvements to this facility in conjunction with the overall Final Closure Plan and in accordance with Provincial guidelines and regulations.

#### Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre webpage

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#### Landfill Closure

- There has been recent activity in and around the slopes and top area of the landfill as our consultant continued tests to analyze soil suitability in preparation for final capping and closure.
- We continue to receive and stockpile suitable soils on the landfill that will be used to establish final grades and contours during the closure process.
- Until such time as final contours are established and capping and surface soils are in place and the Final Closure Plan has been approved, we will not be able to seed or landscape the landfill as both are included in the Final Closure Plan. As a result, until there is landscaping and seeding completed, there may be dust generated from areas of the landfill itself and we are not able to water to mitigate this.

- Consultant CH2MHill continues to prepare the Final Closure Plan outlining landscaping, environmental monitoring and future uses for the entire landfill property. We anticipate receiving the Final Closure Plan over the next few months for Regional Board consideration.
- We expect to schedule a public meeting in the future to present information regarding the Final Closure Plan and in particular landscaping and ongoing monitoring components.
- 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.

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