



Westside Landfill Newsletter



January 2010

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

- The Landfill will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- The free Christmas tree drop off program is again accepting trees without decorations, lights and tinsel at the Westside Landfill until January 31st.
- Garbage is being buried and covered daily in the south-centre section to bring this area up to slope and grade.
- Depending on favourable weather conditions, sloping may continue in various areas for final grading and elevation and 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.

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Landfill Closure and Transfer Station

- The Regional Board is expected to consider a report recommending proceeding with preparations of the Final Closure Plan outlining landscaping, monitoring and future uses for the Westside Landfill property once final grades and elevations are reached and active land filling ceases. As originally identified in the 1993 Closure Report, it's recommended that convenience solid waste transfer services continue to be offered at the site for the benefit of residents in West Kelowna, Peachland and Westbank First Nation reserves. However, once the active landfill operation ends, garbage collected will have to be transported with additional costs for disposal at the Glenmore Landfill. A report outlining the business case, costs, funding options (user fees/tax subsidies) and potential capital improvements for this convenience transfer facility is anticipated for Regional Board consideration at its January 14th meeting which is open to the public. Confirmation of this will be available on the Regional District website Board meeting agenda webpage: www.regionaldistrict.com/boards_committees/board_agenda.aspx

Tentative Waste Diversion Dates

- The Westside Landfill remains an open and active site. Based on current volumes of self-haul garbage we now anticipate reaching the final grade and contours by mid-2010.

Final Concept Closure Plan Presentation

- Information on the Final Concept Closure Plan will be presented during a Public Information Meeting to be scheduled and advertised at a future date. Links are available to the Plan and the presentation to the Regional Governance and Services Committee on the [Landfill Closure](http://www.regionaldistrict.com) webpage (www.regionaldistrict.com Select Quick Links and the Landfill Closure menu option)

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