



## Westside Landfill Newsletter

December 2008 / January 2009

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

- **Landfill Operation** – During November, we received delivery of 14,000 cubic metres of cover material that was used to begin closing some west and north areas of the landfill that have reached elevation. This effort was a result of the approval of the Regional Board to spend \$100,000 from the \$2 million Closure Reserve Fund, three years earlier than originally budgeted in order to begin working towards the projected landfill closure during 2010.
- We anticipate starting the week of December 8<sup>th</sup> and running for approximately two weeks, that there will be chipping of white wood and yard waste materials. This work will be done at the lower level of the landfill, near the wood and yard waste piles. All of the chipped materials will be removed from the site.
- We do not anticipate any further additional deliveries of large volumes of cover material during December or January.
- The Westside Landfill will be closed Christmas Day December 25<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Day January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We anticipate on Boxing Day Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> that there could be additional traffic from curbside waste collection haulers. This is because there is no regular curbside garbage collection on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Residential customers that normally have their garbage picked up on those days will have their collection day moved to Boxing Day and January 2<sup>nd</sup> in addition to those receiving regularly scheduled Friday curbside pickups.
- During December and January, we will continue final sloping of the westside area adjacent to Alexandria Way as well as contouring of the north and westside areas of the landfill site.
- The landfill will again be one of the seven locations for the Regional Christmas Tree drop off program from December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

### News and Information

#### 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.

#### Automated Waste Collection Program

Starting December 8<sup>th</sup>, more than 51,000 newsletters are being delivered by Canada Post to home owners throughout the Central Okanagan as a way of introducing the new Automated Waste Collection Program for those receiving curbside collection. The program will begin to roll out in early 2009 with a phased distribution schedule and will see wheeled carts (one for garbage, one for recyclables and one for yard waste) delivered to each home. Garbage will be collected each week, while recycling and yard waste will be picked up on alternate weeks. Yard waste pick up will not take place from December to March. 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](http://www.regionaldistrict.com) select Quick Links and the Automated Waste Collection Program menu option.

We anticipate those receiving curbside collection in the Westside District Municipality and the District of Peachland will be actively using their new carts by spring. Once this is in place, all curbside collection from those areas will be diverted to the Glenmore Landfill operated by the City of Kelowna. This will significantly reduce the amount of truck traffic and noise in the south and eastern sections of the Westside Landfill, as these are the last areas in which garbage is being buried.

### **Public Consultation on Future Services at Westside Landfill**

The consulting team (CH2M Hill) contracted by the Regional District continues to work on completing a Final Closure Plan for the landfill and Conceptual Plan for a possible convenience transfer facility. Once the consulting team has drafted a Closure Plan for the landfill and Conceptual Design of a possible transfer station, the information will be presented for public information and stakeholder comment. We still anticipate that during the winter of 2009, these plans will be finalized and presented to the Regional Board for approval.

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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