

## Why a Transfer Station?

The BC Ministry of Environment has indicated concern for the risk of environmental impacts from the Stewart Landfill to surface and groundwater. As a result, the District of Stewart was requested to upgrade the Stewart Landfill or close the landfill and transfer materials to the Meziadin Landfill.

The Stewart Landfill releases leachate into the environment, untreated and uncontrolled, and does not meet BC Ministry of Environment Landfill criteria. The Stewart Landfill closure will significantly reduce the generation of leachate.

## What is planned?

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine has been working with the District of Stewart and Sperling Hansen Associates Inc., a landfill consulting firm, planning the development of the transfer station in conjunction with landfill closure. In addition to the required infrastructure, the Regional District is also working to optimize diversion and recycling opportunities with other communities in the northern corridor.

## The New Facility

Stewart's Transfer Station will be built on the existing site and the landfill will be closed. At the Transfer Station, specific areas will be established to collect appliances, metals, used tires, automotive batteries and other items which will be commercially salvaged. Clean wood waste would also be accepted and managed through controlled burns subject to appropriate venting index.

The Transfer Station will also provide disposal for residual garbage. These materials will be collected and transported from Stewart to the Meziadin Landfill for final disposal. The Meziadin Landfill was designed for and will be adapted to accommodate waste from Stewart. Upgrades at the Meziadin Landfill are underway to enable receipt of Stewart's refuse.

Border Town Recycling Depot in Stewart includes a Recycle BC Depot (formerly MMBC) allowing residents a means to substantially reduce their waste disposal through an extensive recycling program. This results in less material being landfilled.

## What is the Cost?

The Stewart transfer station construction will cost in the order of \$1.2 million. Annual operating cost for the Stewart Transfer Station will cost approxi-

mately \$171,000.00. Through RDKS's Residential Solid Waste funding requisition.

## What are the benefits to Stewart?

In 2014, the District of Stewart requested participation in the Regional District Refuse Site Function (Solid Waste Service). This transfers responsibility of waste management from the District of Stewart to the Regional District, enabling their oversight on the development of the Transfer Station, closure requirements for the Stewart Landfill and alternatives at Meziadin Landfill.

This also means the Regional District will develop and execute an Operations Contract, provide ongoing education and public awareness, and general management of solid waste infrastructure, programs and services on behalf of the District of Stewart. Please plan to attend the Community Open House and get more details from Sperling Hansen Associates, the District of Stewart and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine staff. Drop by and bring your questions and comments.

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4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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