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Kokanee Creek Marina Recycling Depot Closure

Nelson, BC: On November 14, 2024, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Board of Directors approved the permanent closure of the Kokanee Creek Marina Recycling Depot (Kokanee Creek) located at 5110 Highway 3A. The site will continue to serve its customers until its closure on December 31, 2024.

The closest facilities to use upon closure are the Balfour Transfer Station (821 Heyland Road), Nelson Lakeside Recycling Depot (70 Lakeside Drive), or Grohman Narrows Transfer Station (1201 Insight Drive).

Closing Kokanee Creek was one of the recommendations of the Tipping Fee Cost Recovery Assessment & Resource System Efficiency Study (the Study), completed by GHD Consulting in 2024 to identify options for improving operational efficiencies, cost-effectiveness and equitability of the regions Resource Recovery Program.

The Study compared RDCK to other regional districts, based on the hours of operation and the number of facilities per capita, and recommended closing any facilities which are collecting less than 50 kg of recycling per hour of operation and are located less than a 20-minute drive from other RDCK facilities.

Kokanee Creek is a Satellite Depot which accepts fewer materials than a Core Depot due to transportation costs and space restrictions; it receives approximately 40 kg per hour on average of household glass, plastic and paper products per hour of operation, and is approximately 11 km from the Balfour Core Recycling Depot, and approximately 28 km from the Lakeside Core Recycling Depot.

Closing Kokanee Creek will annually save an estimated \$68,562 in operational costs, such as rent, snow removal, hauling of collected recyclables, staffing and supplies.

Recommendations in the Study related to tipping fee cost recovery and operational efficiencies are still being considered by Staff and the RDCK Board, and more changes will be proposed in 2025.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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