

The Regional District has developed a draft plan for the improved management of garbage and recyclables in the Hazelton and Highway 37 North area. This Plan explains which kinds of waste can be taken to each facility, which communities can use each facility and describes how everyone in the area will share the costs.

### **Why are changes being made?**

The Regional District's 1995 Solid Waste Management Plan is a legal commitment made to the Province. This Plan identifies necessary changes to the solid waste management facilities and the way we manage garbage, including ways to divert more waste out of landfills. Work has been done in the Terrace Area over the last several years, and now the Regional District wants to focus on the Hazelton and Highway 37 North facilities and services. These changes are consistent with residents' desires to protect fish and wildlife, and to extend the life span of costly facilities. Some of the landfills are out of room and cannot accept more garbage, while others require upgrades to reduce environmental impacts. Here is what's happening:

- Kitwanga and Stewart landfills will close and be replaced with transfer stations.
- Iskut and Meziadin Landfills will be upgraded to increase capacity and provide more environmental controls.
- A new Waste Management Facility will also be constructed that meets higher environmental standards. (Hazelton Phase 2)
- New Operations Contracts for all facilities.
- Everyone in the Hazelton and Highway 37 North service area is contributing to the costs of facilities, services and programs only in the service area. You are not paying for the Terrace area facilities, services and programs.

### **What area is covered by the plan?**

The service area and communities that will use each facility is shown on the back page.

### **How will this affect me?**

#### **What can I take to each facility?**

- Each of the facilities will accept general household and commercial garbage.
- Facilities will also accept some common household recyclables materials such as tires, appliances, clean wood waste and residential packaging and paper. The recyclables accepted at each facility will depend on the local availability of depots run by other organizations. (Regional District facilities will focus on trying to find ways to fill the gaps so that ideally, everyone can recycle the same materials.)
- The Hazelton Waste Management Facility, Iskut Landfill and Meziadin Landfill will accept residential septage.
- Facility contractors will help you make sure each kind of waste goes in the right place.

#### **How is this being paid for?**

- Everyone in the service area (including businesses and industry) will contribute jointly to all the facilities, services and programs by paying property taxes and cost sharing contributions by First Nations communities. First Nation contributions have increased.
- Tipping fees may eventually be applied to businesses and institutions that produce large volumes of garbage. This is intended to make the system fairer for those who produce less waste and encourage diversion when possible.
- Landfill sites are expensive to build and operate; the less garbage that goes in the longer the site will last.

#### **How can I learn more?**

- Watch for more detailed information specific to your community later in 2017. The Regional District will be reaching out to as many residents, businesses, and First Nation communities as possible through correspondence, community meetings, fact sheets, newspaper ads, posters, website(s) or Project Updates like this one. [www.rdks.bc.ca](http://www.rdks.bc.ca)

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## Solid Waste Management Facilities and Service Area

