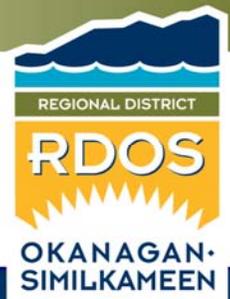


Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Apex Mountain Waste Transfer Station



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Keeping the Community Informed

Survey and Open House Results

In October 2016 the RDOS released an online and paper survey to the residents and businesses at Apex Mountain Resort regarding two design options for the Apex Mountain Waste Transfer Station. The RDOS hosted two open houses to review the design options, cost, construction timelines, and to answer questions from residents and businesses.

Survey Results	Option A: Building	Option B: No Building
106 Surveys Received	66%	34%

The open houses and survey comments identified some key issues that residents and businesses would like considered:

- Illegal dumping at the current site occurs frequently. Materials include building materials, electronics and furniture. Some property owners would like options for large item disposal at the Mountain. Others would like surveillance cameras and fines for people that illegally dump materials.
- Some property owners were concerned about using property value as the basis for payment. For example a cabin valued at \$450,000 could pay over \$430 a year compared to a \$100,000 condo paying \$96. Some requests were made to share costs more equitably between units.
- A few residents and businesses questioned the need for a new waste transfer station. People that did not want a waste transfer station generally opted for the lowest cost approach (No Building).
- Environmental issues discussed included windblown litter, materials getting in the neighbouring creek and wildlife.
- Concerns about smell and noise for units close to the site were expressed along with some opposition to the site location in general.

Next Steps

Due to the survey results, the RDOS is now finalizing design for a building at the waste transfer site. Samples of the type of proposed building can be found on the reverse side of this newsletter. Building colours and design will be chosen to work with the Apex Mountain Resort Village and will take the various issues identified into consideration. The RDOS expects to hire a contractor in late spring for construction over summer 2017. The Regional District will also be requesting quotes from companies regarding pricing for the compaction and transport of waste and recycling.

Other upcoming steps include creating rules, regulations and fines for the site, hiring a maintenance contractor to ensure the site stays clean, and reviewing potential options for payment, such as a fee for service rather than taxes.

Regional District staff intend to provide an update regarding the Waste Transfer Station at the Mountain later this spring.



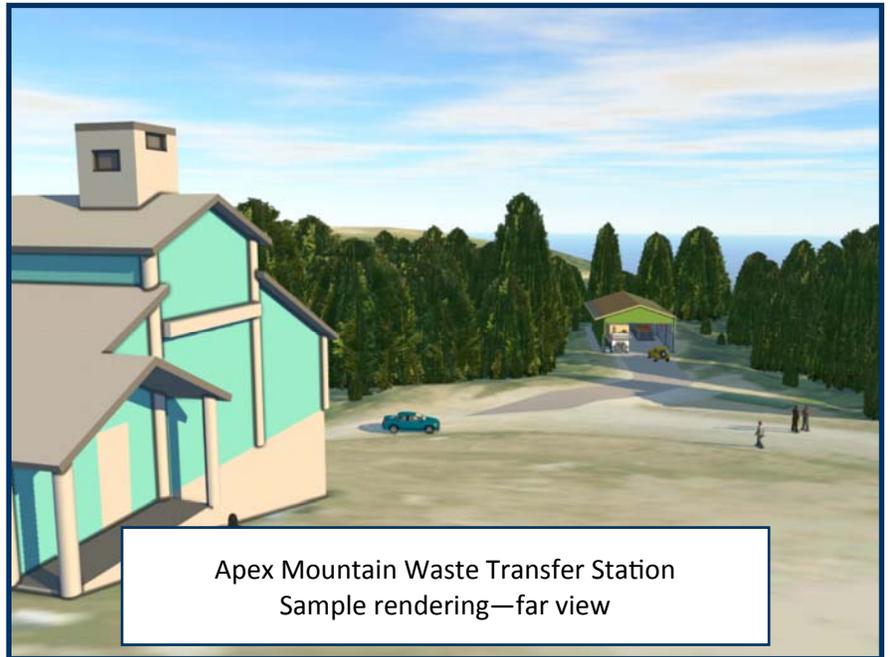


Samples of Metal Buildings
(above and below)

Building colours and design will be chosen to work with the Apex Mountain Resort Village



Apex Mountain Waste Transfer Station
sample rendering—close view



Apex Mountain Waste Transfer Station
Sample rendering—far view

For historical information on this project please visit the Apex Mountain Waste Transfer Station page at www.rdos.bc.ca

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