



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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#### Regional District Asking Public About Composting Sites, Carts and Landfills

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Throughout April and May, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) will be conducting open houses across the Regional area to get public feedback on a number of potential solid waste projects. These include the siting of a Regional compost facility, the use of carts for residential collection and an update of capital projects at local landfills.

Using funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the RDOS completed a large scale composting feasibility study in 2016. The purpose of the study was to determine the best locations to site compost facilities. Factors included odour potential, choice of technologies and transportation links.

Of the 18 sites considered, 2 were ranked the highest. One potential site is located within the Penticton Indian Band at 2760 Marron Valley Road. The other is located at the Summerland Landfill on property owned by the District of Summerland. These potential sites are being brought forward to hear concerns from local property owners.

The benefits of a Regional Compost Facility include the reduction of greenhouse gases, the creation of food waste compost for local growers and savings in disposal costs. Local concerns include potential odour and heavy truck traffic. Open houses regarding both sites will be held in May.

The potential of supplying carts for homes in Summerland, Oliver, Osoyoos, Keremeos and rural parts of the RDOS will also be discussed. The City of Penticton commenced a cart based collection program last year. Penticton homes were supplied a garbage, yard waste and recycle cart. The RDOS and other member municipalities are looking at this program with the potential implementation in July of 2018.

The RDOS has created an online survey for residents outside Penticton to gauge interest in supplying carts to all homes. The online survey is located at [http://form.surveypal.net/Cart\\_Survey](http://form.surveypal.net/Cart_Survey). Surveys will also be available at all open houses or can be sent by mail if requested.

Open houses are also being held to discuss projects at Landfills. The first will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Penticton Library Auditorium at 785 Main Street. A presentation on the Campbell Mountain Landfill will be held at 7 pm to discuss drainage, leachate and the potential use of a biocover to reduce methane emissions.

For a complete list of open houses and further information please visit [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca), e-mail [organics@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:organics@rdos.bc.ca), call 250-490-4129 or toll-free 1-877-610-3737.

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Karla Kozakevich, Chair  
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen



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<b>OPEN HOUSES</b>		
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>7:00 PM PRESENTATION TOPICS</b>
April 24th, 6pm - 8:45pm	Penticton Library Auditorium, 785 Main Street, Penticton	Campbell Mountain Landfill, Organics
April 26th, 6:30pm - 8:45pm	Osoyoos Sonora Centre, 8505 68 Ave, Osoyoos	Organics, Carts
April 27th, 6:30pm - 8:45pm	Okanagan Falls Community Centre, 1141 Cedar St, Okanagan Falls	Organics, Carts
May 1st, 6:30pm - 8:45pm	Oliver Community Hall, 6359 Park Dr, Oliver	Oliver Landfill, Organics, Carts
May 2nd, 6:30pm - 8:45pm	West Bench Elementary, 1604 West Bench Drive	Organics, Carts
May 3rd, 6:30pm - 8:45pm	Naramata Elementary Gym, 3660 8th Street, Naramata	Organics, Carts
May 4th, 6:30pm - 8:45pm	Keremeos Victory Hall, 427 - 7th Ave Keremeos	Organics, Carts
May 10th, 6:30pm - 9:30pm	Kaleden Community Hall, 320 Lakehill Rd, Kaleden	Marron Valley Road Compost Facility, Organics, Carts
May 17th, 6:30pm - 9:30pm	Odd Fellows/Rebekah Hall, 9536 Main St, Summerland	Summerland Landfill Compost Facility, Organics, Carts



From Left: Cameron Baughen, Solid Waste Management Coordinator and Karla Kozakevich, RDOS Chair