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SITE PREPARATION BEGINS ON NEW PEMBERTON TRANSFER STATION

New Facility in the Pemberton Business & Industrial Park will result in improved services for the community

Pemberton, BC – After more than a decade at its current location in the Pemberton Business & Industrial Park, the Pemberton Transfer Station will move to a new location, within the park, to better support the needs of residents, and to help the SLRD move toward a zero-waste future.

Work on that project begins today, with the contractor onsite to begin the initial site clearing and preparation work.

Local company, Lizzie Bay Logging Ltd., has been awarded the contract for the design build project.

The \$1.8M project (not including purchase of the land or financing fees) is expected to take place over several months, with the new facility opening in early 2022.

In the meantime, the existing site will continue to operate and there will be no disruption of services at the existing facility.

Project updates, including an updated timeline, will be posted on the [SLRD website](#) as information becomes available.

“We are excited to get this project going,” said SLRD Electoral Area C Director Russell Mack.

“It’s been a long time coming, and we know that the community is keen to see an improved facility. We’ve heard from residents, and from the business community in the area. We know what the needs are, and we’re working really hard to deliver a facility that will help meet the growing needs of our communities,” he said.

“We thank everyone for their patience so far, and ask for a bit more of that patience as we move into the construction phase of the project. It’s exciting because it means we are one step closer to seeing the new facility open.”

The Pemberton Transfer Station is located at 1947 Carpenter Road in the Pemberton Business & Industrial Park. The current site is leased, and does not meet the needs for future growth. Following the move, the facility will be located at 1929 Stonecutter Place, and will be owned by the SLRD.

The Pemberton Transfer Station provides disposal for household waste, construction and demolition waste, recycling and beverage containers, food waste, rubber tires, large appliances with and without freon, bulk metal, household hazardous waste and a free store (temporarily closed).

In 2020, the SLRD launched an online survey for residents of Pemberton and Electoral Area C of the regional district, to obtain input from residents to identify priority services as well as current and future solid waste management needs for the new Pemberton Transfer Station site.

The input received provided key information on the types of services currently used, the types of expanded services that are desired for the new site, frequency of use, communications and how to expand educational reach and operations. Some of the comments received through the survey included hours of operation, cleanliness, inclusion of residential yard waste, inclusion of residential invasive species and disposal of items such as mattresses, drywall, used oil and propane tanks.

Based on this feedback, the SLRD is researching options to improve cleanliness of the site, expand the operating hours and expand the materials accepted.

For more information on this project, visit the Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation Project Page on the SLRD website: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/current-projects-initiatives/pemberton-transfer-station-relocation>

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About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 42,665 residents (2016 Census).

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