



## **FAQ: Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation**

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### **Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**Please note:** *this document will continue to evolve, as additional questions and information come to light; if you have a question that is not addressed in this document, please contact the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.*

#### **Where is the Pemberton Transfer Station currently located?**

The Pemberton Transfer Station is located at 1947 Carpenter Road, in the Pemberton Business and Industrial Park.

#### **Why is the Pemberton Transfer Station moving?**

The current site is leased, and does not meet the needs for future growth.

#### **When will the Pemberton Transfer Station move?**

The project is expected to be completed by Fall 2022 – which is the end date for the current contract on the leased space.

#### **Where will the Pemberton Transfer Station be located following the move?**

The new facility will be located at 1929 Stonecutter Place.

#### **Why isn't the Pemberton Transfer Station located in Area C of the Regional District?**

The Pemberton Transfer Station, while serving residents of the Village of Pemberton and portions of Electoral Area C of the SLRD, must be located within the Pemberton Business and Industrial Park due to zoning regulations (this is the only location zoned for that use). Most of the portion of Electoral Area C that would be in a reasonable location to serve Pemberton residents is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), which further limits use.

#### **Why isn't the Pemberton Transfer Station located in the Village?**

The only location in Pemberton that is zoned for this use is the Pemberton Business and Industrial Park, and a rezoning for this use within the Village/town-centre is not appropriate or desired.

#### **Will the Pemberton Transfer Station be closed during any part of the Relocation Project?**

The SLRD does not anticipate any changes to the operating schedule for the current site during the relocation project.

**What Services are currently offered at the Pemberton Transfer Station?**

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).

**How much does it cost to use the Pemberton Transfer Station?**

Tipping fees vary, and can be found on the SLRD website here:

<https://bit.ly/2NnY1Vw>

**Which Services will be offered at the new Pemberton Transfer Station?**

The new site will allow for some future growth. The SLRD issued a survey in the summer of 2020 to gather feedback from residents regarding the services, aesthetics and needs of the new facility. The new Pemberton Transfer Station site will provide the same services as the existing site as well as extended services as space allows.

**Will there be odour from the new Pemberton Transfer Station location?**

The SLRD does not expect odour to be any different than at the current site. The new transfer station will be serviced as needed, between once a week to bi-weekly.

**Will the cost of services at the Pemberton Waste Transfer Station be affected?**

With the addition of a scale, tipping fees will be based on weight with exceptions for larger items, such as large appliances, tires, etc. Weight-based tipping fees allow the SLRD to recover the cost of tipping fees at the end/transit facility (i.e. Callaghan Transfer Station and Sea to Sky Soils). The SLRD will amend service costs as required.

**Who approves the Tipping Fee Bylaw?**

The Tipping Fee Bylaw is approved by the SLRD Board.

**What is the cost of the relocation?**

Based on a feasibility study conducted in 2019, the estimated total cost to acquire the site and build the facility is \$2,200,103. An initial loan bylaw adopted in 2018 authorizes borrowing of \$1,375,000 for the new facility. A second loan bylaw adopted in 2020 for \$811,353 has been authorized for the facility. Both loans were obtained through Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to obtain electoral approval. The SLRD Board is now considering a second loan authorization bylaw to provide the additional funds of \$811,353.

The SLRD is proposing to obtain Elector Approval for the second loan of \$811,353 via an Alternative Approval Process (AAP). This was the same process used to obtain approval for the initial loan. More information regarding this process will be added to the project page on the SLRD website.

**How will this affect property taxes?**

The tax implications of the total financing for this project will be published on the SLRD website, and regular updates to the project will be posted on the relocation project page:

<https://www.slrld.bc.ca/inside-slrld/current-projects-initiatives/pemberton-transfer-station-relocation>

**Where can I find more information?**

The Pemberton Transfer Station Project Page on the SLRD website includes all updates on this project:

<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/current-projects-initiatives/pemberton-transfer-station-relocation>

Residents with additional questions that have not been addressed in this FAQ document can contact:

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