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SLRD AND LIL'WAT CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES (LCE) ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR PEMBERTON TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS AND SITE MANAGEMENT

LCE to take over operations and servicing of Pemberton Transfer Station, at new location, effective November 1, 2022

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) and Lil'wat Construction Enterprises (LCE) have entered into an agreement that will see LCE take over the operations and servicing of the Pemberton Transfer Station, for a three-year term, plus renewal rights, effective November 1, 2022.

The Pemberton Transfer Station provides waste and recycling facilities for residents and visitors of the Village of Pemberton and Electoral Area C of the SLRD.

The Pemberton Transfer Station has been located on leased property at 1974 Carpenter Road in the Pemberton Business and Industrial Park with operations and maintenance provided by GFL Environmental Inc. and site management provided by Stable Enterprises Ltd. The agreements with GFL Environmental Inc. and Stable Enterprises Ltd. expire October 31, 2022.

The transfer station is in the process of being relocated to SLRD-owned land at 1929 Stonecutter Place, also in the Pemberton Business and Industrial Park, and will be operational at this site as of November 1, 2022, which aligns with the new agreement with LCE.

“This project has been a long-time coming, and it’s fantastic to see it all falling into place,” said Russell Mack, SLRD Electoral Area C Director.

“A lot of work has gone into this project, and here we are – a year after construction started, ready to open the new facility in a matter of days, with a new contractor in place, and no disruptions to service, even during the construction period,” he said.

“Residents of Electoral Area C and the Village of Pemberton will soon have access to this new-and-improved site, the SLRD benefits from being the owner of this property, and we’re entering into a ground-breaking partnership with an established, well-respected local company that provides significant jobs and aligns with our commitment to sustainability. This is good news for everyone involved.”

Construction of the new transfer station began in April, 2021 and the RFP process for operations and site management was initiated on April 11, 2022. The new location better supports the increasing needs of residents, and supports the SLRD’s work to move toward a zero-waste future.

LCE's parent organization, Lil'wat Business Group (LBG) is locally-owned and operated and is one of the largest employers in the area. LCE is committed to hiring local staff to operate the facility and pay at, or above, living wage. LCE owns the adjacent property to the east side of the new Pemberton Transfer Station, which also provides for flexibility. LCE is committed to environmental, social and economic sustainability.

"We are proud to work with the SLRD on this exciting project, and in providing this important service to the community," said Dwayne Stanshall, CEO of the Lil'wat Business Group. "Growing Lil'wat Construction Enterprises is a priority for the Lil'wat Nation, to support economic development and business," he said. "With our experience and resources, we are committed to delivering an exceptional service that will benefit our communities."

Adjusted tipping fees at the Pemberton Transfer Station will also be in place, effective November 1. The slight increase is necessary to help offset the rising costs of providing this service. Details are available on the [SLRD website](#).

For more information and background on the Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation Project, visit the project page on the [SLRD website](#).

Residents with questions about the Pemberton Transfer Station can contact:

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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 47,245 residents (2021 Census).

About the Lil'wat Business Group

The Lil'wat Business Group works to ensure that the Nation is generating revenues for reinvestment in the community while creating employment opportunities and building capacity within the Nation. For more information: <https://lilwat.ca/business/business/>

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