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Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation Project 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.*

➡ New: Where is the Pemberton Transfer Station currently located?

1929 Stonecutter Place, Pemberton, in the Pemberton Business and Industrial Park.

Why did the Pemberton Transfer Station move?

The old site located at 1947 Carpenter Road was leased and did not meet the needs for future growth.

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.

➡ New: Why was this location chosen for the new facility?

Responding to limitations of the 1947 Carpenter Road site, and in response to concerns from residents and business owners regarding a new location, the SLRD Board chose to support relocating the site to a larger, more appropriate location within the Pemberton Business and Industrial Park that is owned by the SLRD. 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, frequency of use, communications and hours of operation.

Some of the comments received throughout 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.

While there are some challenges with regard to the size and triangular configuration of the site, the new location was able to be purchased by the SLRD within the budget parameters and accommodates many of the expanded services, identified as priorities, by the community, such as the addition of a scale, Reuse Shed, yard waste, mattress and drywall disposal.

➡ **New: What was the process undertaken by the Regional District for approving the transfer station plan?**

In 2017, the Regional District undertook a Feasibility Study;

In 2019, the Regional District updated the 2017 Feasibility Study;

In 2020, a site was selected by the SLRD Board;

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;

In 2020, the Regional District posted a Request for Proposal for the Pemberton Transfer Station Design-Build;

The Regional District held site visits with interested consultants, and a comprehensive review of all proposals was undertaken and presented to the SLRD Board for decision;

In 2021, final design was approved, with construction taking place in 2022

➡ **New: Will the traffic flow be improved?**

Staff are exploring potential traffic flow improvements for the recycling area with the design consultants.

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

The Pemberton Transfer Station provides disposal for household waste, oversized landfill items including construction and demolition waste, paper and packaging recycling, beverage containers, food scraps and organics, passenger vehicle tires, large appliances with and without freon, bulk metal, household hazardous waste, paint and mattresses/yard waste/drywall on rotation.

The Pemberton Transfer Station is for residential use only. Commercial waste must be taken to the Callaghan Transfer Station. Residential waste with a truck and a trailer longer than 12' must be taken to Callaghan Transfer station.

➡ **New: Some items are accepted on rotation. Can items be accepted outside of their regular rotation schedule?**

In order to offer expanded services at the transfer station one of the bins on-site accepts different materials based on a rotation schedule. The materials on rotation are drywall, yard waste and mattresses. Materials not currently on rotation are not accepted and must be taken to the Callaghan Waste Transfer Station.

View full rotation schedule at slrd.bc.ca/lovethisplace/PWTS

➡ **New: Why does the new facility have a scale?**

The old transfer station tipping fees were based on a volume estimate (m³). The Regional District heard from residents during a survey conducted in 2020 that they found this method inaccurate. With the addition of the scale at the new facility, the cost of bulk loads is based on weight resulting in consistent fees and more accurate waste disposal data which will inform future waste diversion services and/or initiatives.

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

Tipping fees vary, and can be found on the SLRD website at [slrd.bc.ca/lovethisplace/PWTS](https://www.slrd.bc.ca/lovethisplace/PWTS)

What are the Pemberton Transfer Station hours of operation?

Monday 12 pm – 7 pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 12 pm – 7 pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 12 pm – 7 pm
Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

➡ **New: When is the transfer station the busiest?**

The transfer station is typically at it's busiest upon opening and again after 4 p.m. During the busiest periods of the day there may be vehicles queued for the scale. Plan your trip accordingly and give yourself an extra 15 minutes to familiarize yourself with the new layout.

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>

Information regarding services and the recycling guide are available at [slrd.bc.ca/lovethisplace/PWTS](https://www.slrd.bc.ca/lovethisplace/PWTS)

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

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