
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 2, 2004

File No.: 5360-03

To: City Manager

From: Environment & Solid Waste Manager

Subject: **Sunday Openings at Glenmore Landfill**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the concept of implementing Sunday openings at Glenmore Landfill;

AND THAT staff bring forward appropriate 2005 Provisional Budget submission for Council consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Over the years City staff has received numerous requests from the public and Council for Sunday landfill access. This has been deferred due to the significant additional operating cost plus past experience of low usage of the landfill on Sunday openings some years ago during spring and fall cleanup periods.

This request has been reconsidered recently with the growth of the community. It was determined that there would be several positive benefits if opened on Sunday;

- 1) Increased level of service to the public.
- 2) Potential decrease in congestion at landfill on Saturdays and decreased traffic on Glenmore Rd. Present Saturday usage is reaching landfill traffic capacity during spring and fall cleanup periods.
- 3) Reduced pressure on Westside Landfill. An audit has determined that many Kelowna residents use Westside Landfill on Sundays.
- 4) Commercial access will encourage Sunday pick-ups in downtown areas after events and busy Saturdays.
- 5) Encourage more self hauls to the landfill reducing short term garbage and debris storage in all neighborhoods during peak periods.

There are incremental costs associated with the increase in service levels. An increase of 14% in operational costs (\$280,000) is anticipated however existing landfill tip fees are expected to generate sufficient revenues to cover these costs.

With Council's approval staff are in a position to implement the first Sunday openings starting for Jan. 02, 2005. Budget submissions to cover this additional cost would be brought forward in the 2005 Provisional Budget for Council's consideration.

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Environment & Solid Waste Manager

John Vos
Director of Works & Utilities

cc: Landfill Supervisor, Regional Waste Reduction Office.