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TIPPING FEES AT SUMMERLAND SANITARY LANDFILL TO RISE

Beginning March 1, 2012 the cost of disposing garbage and mixed demolition waste at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill is scheduled to increase. At an information session with Summerland Council, the Engineering and Public Works Department brought forth a recommendation to Council to consider increasing Tipping Fees from \$55.00 per metric tonne to \$65.00 per metric tonne.

The increase is deemed necessary to keep Tipping Fees consistent with other landfills within the region and to promote recycling which in turn extends the life of our Landfill. The increased Tipping Fees are intended to minimize landfill shopping, offset operational costs and create incentives to divert the amount of material that can be recycled away from the Landfill.

Mixed Demolition Waste would also see an increase from \$200.00 per metric tonne to \$400.00 per metric tonne in an attempt to encourage Source Separation of recyclable materials that are comingled within the loads. Even with the increases in Tipping Fees, they are not as high as those in the North Okanagan, Columbia Shuswap, or Kootenay Boundary where tipping fees are between \$70.00 and \$85.00 per metric tonne. Local residents have demonstrated they have embraced recycling practices and with the added incentives it is felt that the practice will increase.

If you have questions about the Tipping Fees, please email works@summerland.ca or contact Engineering and Public Works at 250-494-0431.