

Davis Drive Yard Waste Drop-off Site Closure

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In 2010, Council made the decision to launch a “pilot project” to create a yard waste drop-off site near the Town’s Waste Water Treatment Plant on Davis Drive. Mayor and Council worked with Town staff to allow Creston residents to drop their yard waste off, at no charge, on specified weekends as a convenient alternative to the Creston landfill and monitor who was using this site to determine the benefit. The major reason for exploring this convenience was to reduce, and possibly eliminate, the burning of yard waste which is detrimental to air quality. Over the years, Council expanded the Davis Drive drop-off site to “honour system” and left the security gate open to allow Town residents to drop off their yard waste whenever it was convenient. We know that that this was very much appreciated!

In 2017, we started to see large amounts of material being dropped off and it was identified that this was due to unauthorized users who did not comply with posted signage. In 2018, monitoring equipment was installed and more signage was added. Unfortunately, the site still continued to receive materials from individuals who did not reside within Town boundaries and commercial operators. In addition, non-organic yard waste materials were also being dropped off. During budget discussions earlier this year, Council was advised that that the cost to maintain the Davis Drive site would be close to \$40,000 in new taxation for Town residents. Although more convenient, the Davis Drive site is a duplication of a service that our taxpayers are already paying for – the Creston landfill – which is operated by the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). The other unfortunate reality is that the Town does not have enough area to process the hundreds of cubic yards that the Davis Drive site was receiving each year. For these reasons, Council made the decision to close the site.

As we have done in past years, the Town will conduct our spring and fall yard and garden curbside pickup in April for our residents. This year, our spring curbside pickup will be the week of April 22-25 - on the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday – whatever day your garbage is normally picked up. For specific details, visit our website www.creston.ca. In addition, the RDCK continues to provide free organic material (yard and garden waste) drop-off for all Creston Valley residents during the months of April and October.

Our priority is to provide an efficient infrastructure plan for your water, wastewater (sewer), solid waste (garbage), recycling and roads at a responsible cost for the Town of Creston residents.

At this time, the RDCK is engaged in numerous discussions, studies and reports with plans to support “blue bin” curbside recycling in the Town of Creston in the near future. As well, the RDCK is in negotiations with Recycle BC to expand the materials that could be accepted at our designated recycle bins and investigating how organic composting can perhaps be combined with a “blue bin curbside” recycling program. Stay tuned for updates!

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