

Subject Environmental Services Report

Month November 2024

SOLID WASTE

General Operations

Staff are preparing for winter conditions.

Columbia Valley Subregion

Staff are working with consultants to prepare RFP documents for closure of part of the Columbia Valley Landfill. This project is to be completed over the winter months in order to minimize disruption to neighboring properties.

A contractor has rebuilt the doors on the refuse bins at the Canal Flats transfer station.

Work on the new Radium Transfer Station continues with the contractor working on fall protection. Staff are working on procurement of diversionary buildings and operations contract. The goal is to open this facility early spring of 2025.

Contractors are still cleaning up debris at the Fairmont Transfer Station received from wind event in September.

We are preparing to burn diverted wood at the Canal Flats Transfer Station, when appropriate conditions are in place.

Central Subregion

We are still exploring opportunities for ground wood waste at the Central Landfill.

Staff and contractors were onsite at the Wasa Transfer Station again as the diverted wood piles were burned on two different nights. Firstly, 3-4 piles were ignited and the second occurrence the remaining piles were ignited. Staff suspects the second fire was an act of arson. BC Wildfire and the Office of the Fire Commissioner were also involved in the second incident.

Elk Valley Subregion

Fernie curbside organics is now being delivered to the Sparwood Composting Facility as staff and contractors were able to have the receiving area ready to accept this material. The previous five weeks, this material was being received at the Central Landfill Compost Facility.

RECREATION SERVICES

Volunteers

Local volunteers from the Wildhorse Cycling Club have been working on winter bike trail improvements at Wycliffe Park.

Wycliffe Regional Park

Wycliffe Park entrance/access road has been improved to accommodate campground construction traffic and to provide safe access/passage for RVs.

Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena

Tournament season has begun in October with Minor Hockey hosting a couple of tournaments. All the regular adult user groups are back and have begun their season in early October.

Old Coach Trail

Brigade Services are back for another year to provide snow removal services on the Old Coach walking path from Athalmer to Invermere.

Windermere Beach

Staff completed more danger tree and limb cleanup. Park is now closed for the winter.

CONTROL SERVICES

Invasive Plant Program

Staff have been responding to enforcement correspondence, completing site inspections and visiting with Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program applicants. Staff have completed new complaint inspections with correspondence to be mailed out in spring.

Mosquito Control

The contractor has completed mosquito control for 2024.

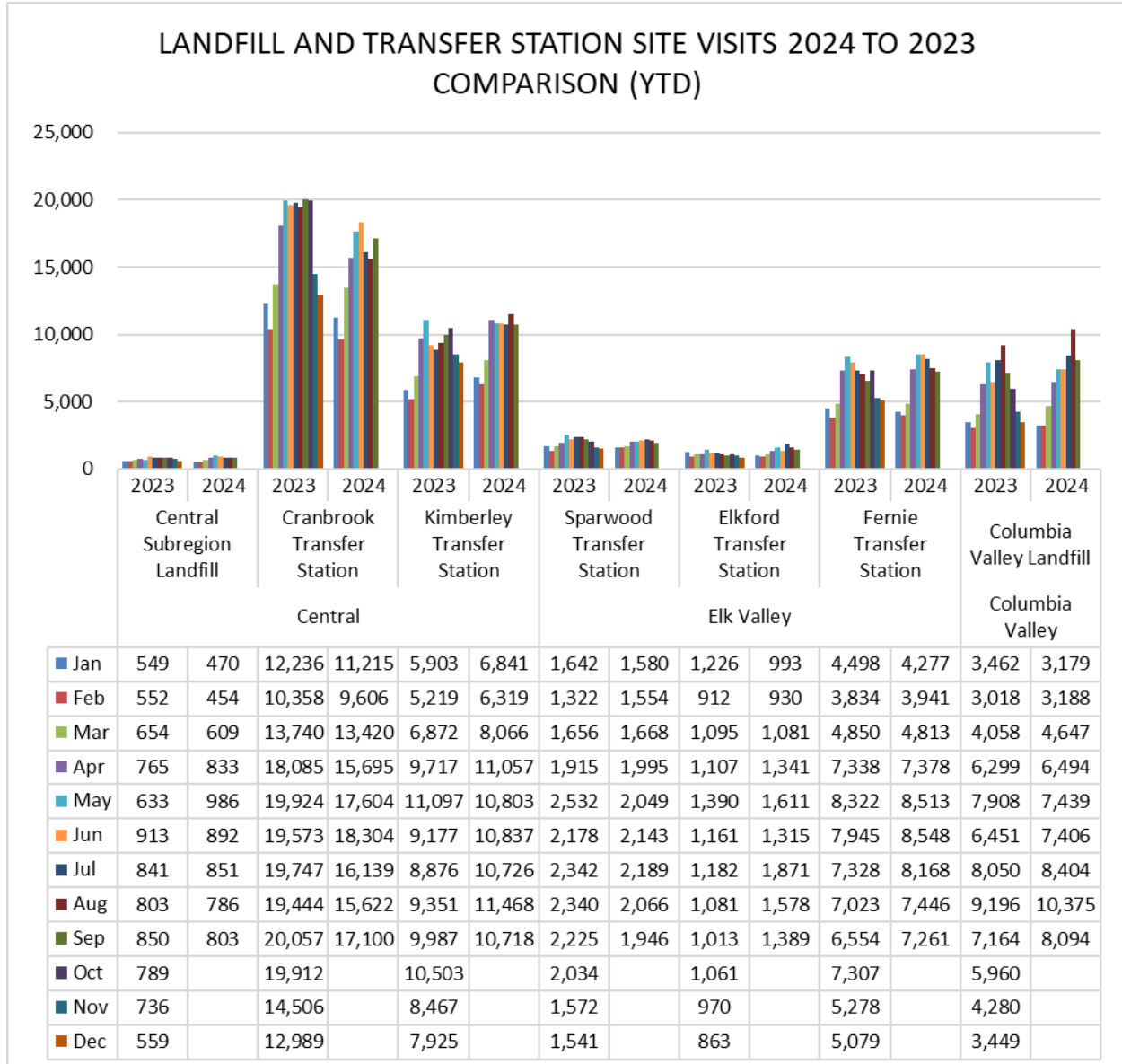
STAFF

Chris Kessler (RDEK Park Foreman) has announced his retirement, and his last day of work will be November 1.

STATS

Solid Waste Site Visits

The chart below shows the number of site visits to each transfer station and/or landfill that tracks material accepted through the scale software.



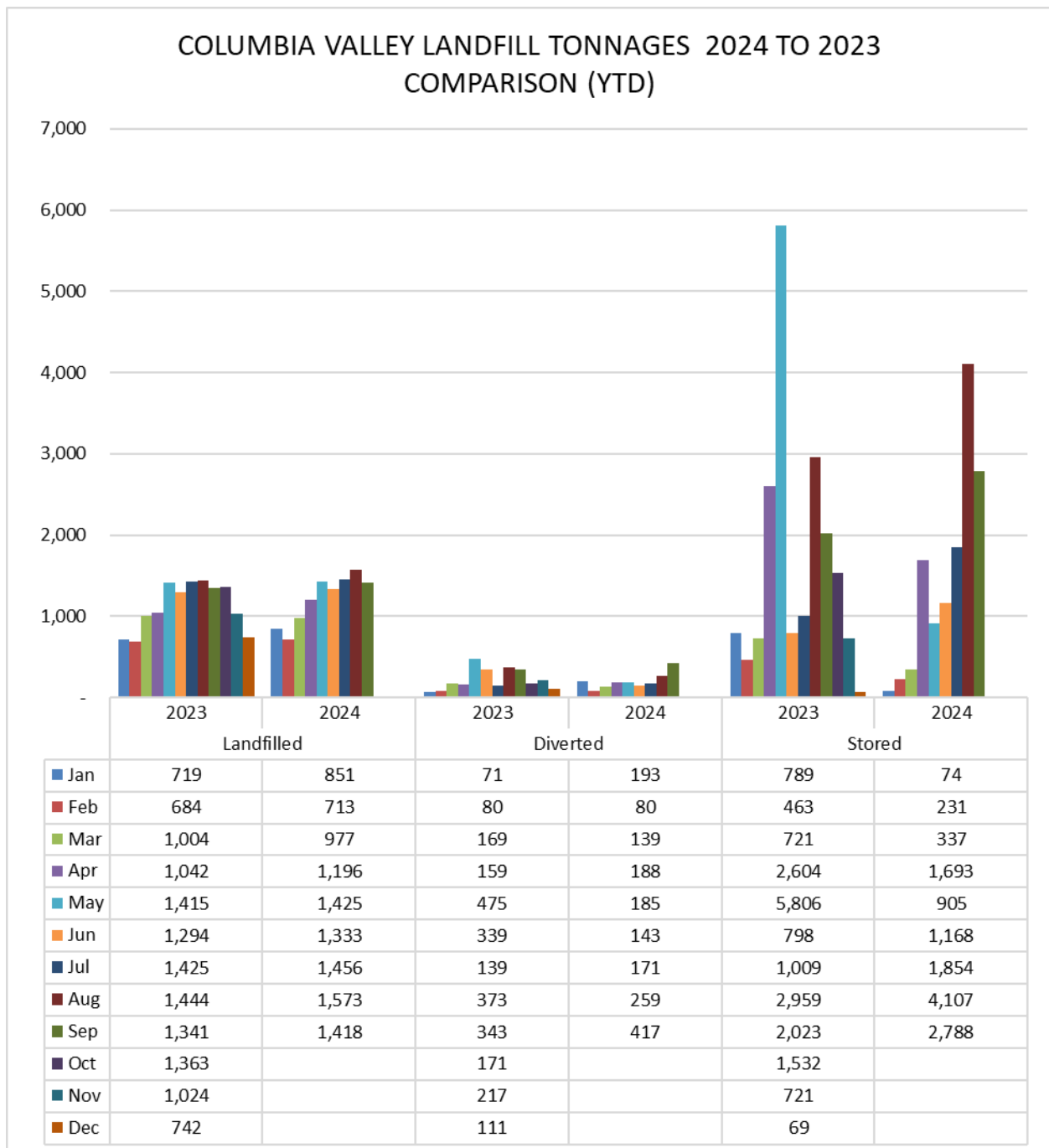
Columbia Valley Landfill

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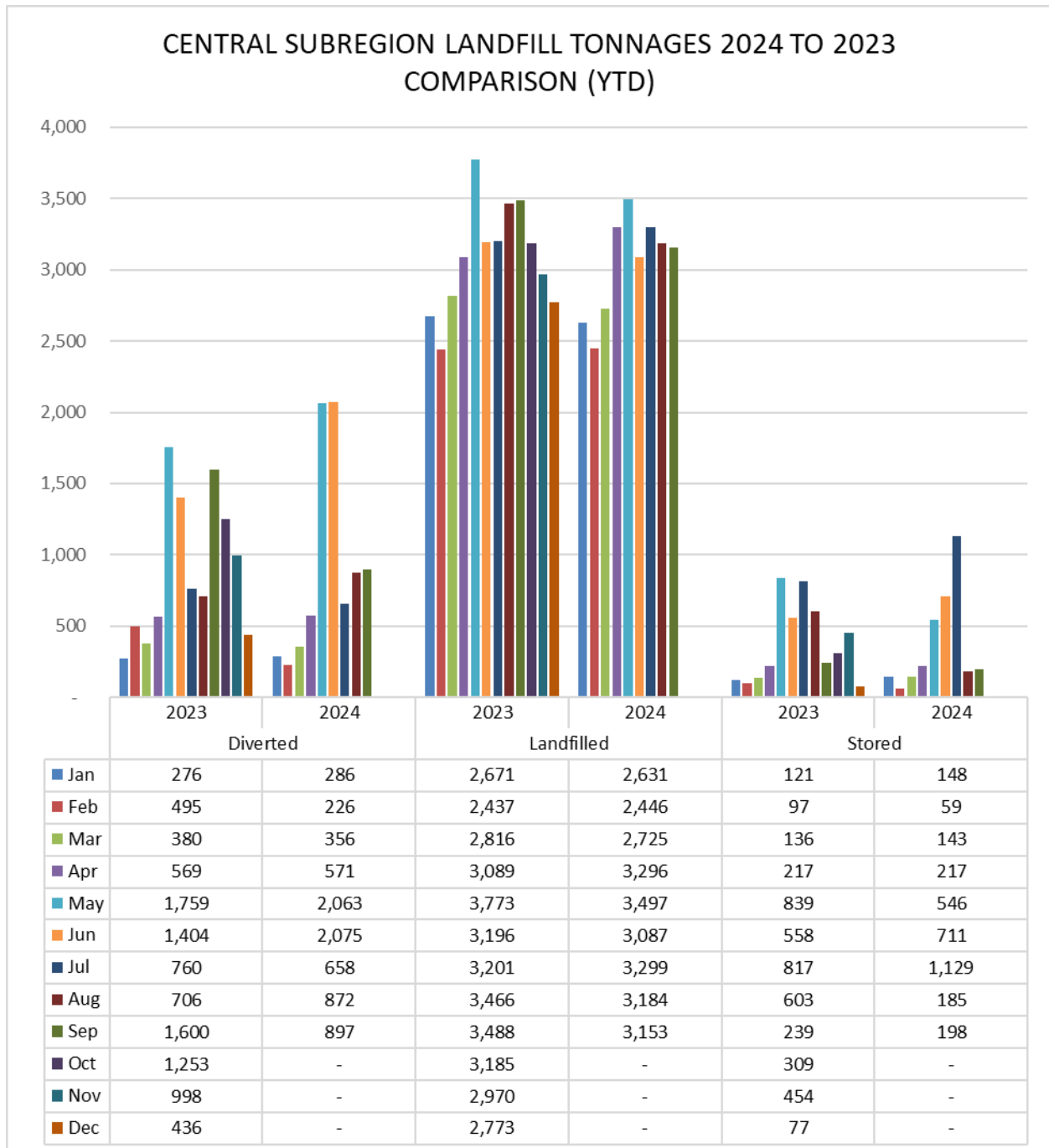
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Sparwood Landfill

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Transported means material received on site at the Sparwood Transfer Station and hauled to the Central Subregion Landfill to be landfilled.

