

Subject Environmental Services

Month April 2020

SOLID WASTE

All RDEK Solid Waste Facilities are operating regular hours, and RDEK staff continue to go to rural sites to ensure they are tidy and safe for the public.

In order to prevent person to person contact the Re-Use Centers at facilities throughout the region have been closed as of March 16th. In an additional effort to limit person to person exposure, all bottle collection by volunteer groups have also been suspended until further notice at our sites as of March 23rd.

Diabetes Canada has reached out to indicate they are closing their clothing and textile bins and will not be accepting any more donations at this time.

Wood grinding at the Columbia Valley Landfill and Central Subregion Landfill have been completed as of March 18th. Wood grindings were hauled to Skookumchuck Pulp Mill.

PARKS AND RECREATION

EMMA

Public access to the Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena has been suspended as of March 16th as part of recommendations from Provincial and Federal Health Authorities. Arena staff remain on site to complete annual maintenance while maintaining social distancing.

Recreation Facilities

All recreation facilities remain closed as part of regular opening dates. The RDEK will follow all Federal and Provincial recommendations in order to promote social distancing.

Communications Department created signs to indicate closure of Playgrounds at RDEK facilities as the sites are still accessible to the public even when seasonally closed.

INVASIVE PLANT

The Environmental Services Secretary and Weed Control Officer are preparing enforcement correspondence (letters and warnings) to send out to residents with invasive plants on their property as identified during 2019 inspections.

STAFF

All staff except Operation Maintenance Workers and Arena Staff are working from home at this time. Staffing levels and requirements are being monitored daily.