

**Subject** Environmental Services Report

**Month** May 2026

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## **SOLID WASTE**

Scale software utilized across all facilities experienced a critical failure at the Columbia Valley (CV) Landfill. Staff are expediting the roll-out of new scale software for the CV Landfill before system wide implementation. Scale tickets for the CV Landfill are currently being completed manually.

Planning for the 2026 Southern Interior Waste Manager's Association (SIWMA) annual conference, hosted this year by the RDEK, continues apace.

The Rural Transfer Station Optimization Plan continues to progress and will be supported by two Board workshops planned for May and June.

Kevin Whyte has accepted the 4-month seasonal Solid Waste Maintenance Temp position and will be starting on May 4th.

A tire fire occurred at the Tie Lake Transfer Station on March 25, and a wood debris fire occurred at the Wasa Transfer Station on April 15. Both fires were extinguished quickly with no damage to facilities.

Composting has resumed at the Central Landfill.

## **RECREATION SERVICES**

### **Central and Elk Valley Parks**

Hiring is complete for the Seasonal Park Positions; Tim Park started on April 14<sup>th</sup> as the Parks Lead Hand. Issac Meijer is returning as a Parks Labourer for another season and will be joined by Galadriel Orozpe with both starting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Seasonal park inspections and hazard tree assessments have been completed.

The 2026 camping season at Wycliffe Campground officially kicks off on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Eddie Mountain Arena**

The 2025-2026 Eddie Mountain Memorial Arena season will finish at the end of April with the annual Oldtimers fundraiser tournament with teams from all over the East Kootenay's and Alberta coming to town. Staff will begin off-season maintenance next week as well as preparation for the facility's dehumidifier installation in July.

### **Windermere Beach**

The 2026 Windermere Beach season will begin on May 4<sup>th</sup> this year with seasonal staff Dennis Planidin and Vic Llewelyn returning for another season as operations staff. Swim buoys and the floating dock will be installed by mid-May. Overnight security will begin Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> prior to the May long weekend.

## **CONTROL SERVICES**

### **Invasive Plant Control Program**

Invasive plant enforcement correspondences have been issued, and staff are responding to the replies.

### **Mosquito Control Program**

The Pest Management Plan update for 2026-2030 has been submitted to the province for approval.