

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**TO:** Environment and Infrastructure Committee  
**FROM:** B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer  
**DATE:** January 7, 2016  
**RE:** Apex Waste Transfer Station Lease

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### Administrative Recommendation:

**THAT the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen enter into a sub-lease with Apex Mountain Resort for property to develop a Waste Transfer Station for Apex Mountain.**

### Purpose:

**To obtain property for the development of a Regional District Waste Transfer Facility to accept waste and recycling from residential and commercial sources.**

### Reference:

[Solid Waste Management Plan](#)

**Apex Mountain Solid Waste Transfer Station Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2593, 2012**

### Business Plan Objective:

**Objective 3.3.11 Implementing the 2015 phase of the Solid Waste Management Plan**

### Background:

In 2009, employees at Apex Mountain Resort approached the RDOS to offer a potential area for the development of a waste transfer station near the Apex commercial center. The site brought forward by employees of Apex Mountain Resort is in the area of an existing waste compactor and is used for overflow parking.

Significant public consultation with local property owners was undertaken for the creation of a Waste and Recycling Transfer Station at Apex Mountain Resort. The consultation showed local support for creating the facility at the location with concerns raised including odour, lighting and traffic flow. The RDOS included this project in the 2012 Solid Waste Management Plan and created a local service establishment bylaw to fund the project.

In 2013 the owners of the Apex Mountain Resort stated they would no longer support the development of a waste transfer station at the proposed location. The lease agreement, signed by Apex, was not executed by the RDOS. After some discussion a site near the Old Gunbarrel was presented by Apex Mountain Resort. This site was found to be unsafe and inadequate to site a waste

transfer station. Other sites near that location were rejected by the owners of Apex Mountain Resort.

After a meeting with Area 'D' Director Siddon, RDOS Staff, Apex Staff and the Apex Owners group, the Apex Owners group have now allowed a sub-lease to proceed at the original location near the Apex commercial center to allow the Regional District to design, build and operate a waste transfer station.

**Analysis:**

The financial commitment of the sub-lease is \$10 total payable to Apex Mountain Resort. Filing fees with the Province of BC, which has vetted the draft sub-lease, is \$250.

Other related costs, including applications for re-zoning through the Regional District, will also apply. All costs have been budgeted in Department 4310 Apex Mtn Solid Waste Transfer Station including design work, public consultation and construction in 2016.

**Communication Strategy:**

Staff will develop a communication strategy to inform residents of the lease agreement and seek input on the design of the waste transfer station later in 2016.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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R. Huston, Public Works Manager