

Media Release

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Service disruptions expected at transfer stations in RDCK Central Sub-Region

Nelson, BC: Due to staffing issues, residents can expect service disruptions at Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Central Sub-Region transfer stations in Balfour, Kaslo, Meadow Creek (Marblehead), Nelson (Grohman Narrows), Salmo (Central), and Ymir over the coming weeks.

"Unfortunately, the RDCK has been impacted by a shortage of drivers who are responsible to move and empty the bins at our Central Sub-Region transfer stations," said Amy Wilson, RDCK Resource Recovery Manager. "This seems to be a trend across the Province, but we are doing our best to hire new drivers and in the mean time contract out some of our hauling to other companies."

The following sites will be impacted over the next few days:

*Kaslo Transfer Station Friday, November 17 – WILL NOT ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD WASTE Sunday, November 19 – OPEN TO ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD WASTE

*Balfour Transfer Station Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18 – WILL NOT ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD WASTE

*Marblehead Transfer Station

Saturday, November 18 – WILL NOT ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD WASTE

*All these facilities will accept recycling, yard and garden waste, wood, metals, tires, and appliances.

Other facilities within the Central Sub-Region; Grohman Narrows (Nelson), Central (Salmo), and Ymir are expected to have regular operations this weekend.

Residents should expect rotating closures for the next few weeks while staffing levels get back to normal.

"We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate the public's patience while we hire new staff," said Wilson.

Before going to your local transfer station, residents are encouraged to go to <u>www.rdck.ca</u> or <u>Facebook</u> for the latest information in regards to service disruptions.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit <u>www.rdck.ca</u>.

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