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TREES CLEARED TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW ENTRANCE AT FOOTHILLS BLVD REGIONAL LANDFILL

Motorists along Foothills Boulevard may be noticing a new view of the landfill these days.

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is undertaking a \$7.4 million dollar project to relocate the entrance to the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill and other improvements.

Over the past week trees that lined the north east boundary of the landfill along Foothills Boulevard were removed as part of the preparation work for the entrance relocation. Additionally, BC Hydro has been undertaking some clearing of trees related to power lines near the landfill.

“The sightline change is quite different,” says Petra Wildauer, General Manager of Environmental Services, who notes that about 466 cubic metres of timber were removed. “With the clearing, we can move forward with preparation for the construction of the new entrance and a new compost pad,” says Wildauer.

As part of the project, a new entrance will be constructed about 500 metres north of the current entrance. The landfill opened in 1976 and the entrance in its current state does not provide for expansion to properly accommodate the commercial and residential traffic load coming in and out of the landfill. “Anyone familiar with the landfill knows what a bottleneck there can be at the entrance,” says Wildauer. “This project not only allows us to address that, but we can make other needed site improvements as well.”

The entrance relocation project provides the benefits of replacing aging infrastructure, improved public and commercial access, service and safety, increased efficiency of operations, minimized risk of adverse environmental impacts from leachate migration and future support of landfill gas utilization. This project is undertaken in two phases: infrastructure upgrades and entrance relocation. The project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2017.

Wildauer says the trees provided a visual buffer between the road and the landfill and there will be a re-greening of some of the area that has been cleared and some new trees will be planted.

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