

Update on Upland Excavating Landfill Expansion Proposal

August 13, 2019

CREC continues our commitment to keep the community informed in regards to Upland Excavating's application for landfill expansion adjacent to Campbell River drinking water supply.

On August 1, 2019, the Province of BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy issued an Operational Certificate (107689) for increased landfill capacity and names the type of waste Upland Excavating Ltd. is permitted to accept. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/site-permitting-and-compliance/upland-excavating/2019-08-01_operational_certificate.pdf

The OC is without the contaminated soil component, per the recent decision by the Provincial government, however, continues to allow contaminated soil to the level of Industrial under the Contaminated Sites Regulation. [http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/oic/oic_cur/0434_2019/search/CIVIX_DOCUMENT_ROOT_STEM:\(landfill\)%20AND%20CIVIX_DOCUMENT_ANCESTORS:839519796?1#hit1](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/oic/oic_cur/0434_2019/search/CIVIX_DOCUMENT_ROOT_STEM:(landfill)%20AND%20CIVIX_DOCUMENT_ANCESTORS:839519796?1#hit1)

In addition, the new landfill site may accept demolition, land clearing and construction waste; sludge from Upland's New Leachate Management Works and New Stormwater Management Works; and other authorized waste including creosote waste.

Risks of the landfill expansion proposal have been identified by Dr. Gilles Wendling, P.Eng. of GW Solutions (retained by CREC) and Bernadette Lyons, M.Sc. E., P. Eng. of Waterline Resources Inc. (retained by City of Campbell River), respectively, in the following reports:

- <https://crecwebcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/gw-solutions-cocrjan282019150-1.pdf>
- <https://crecwebcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/waterline-resources-inc.-report-feb-25-2019-2.pdf>

It is CREC's understanding (May 13, 2019 City Council Meeting) that city rezoning will be required in relation to this Upland landfill expansion. CREC will provide details on any such zoning application including any public hearing that may be scheduled, as they become available to us.

CREC will continue to update the community on this important issue.

Campbell River Environmental Committee,

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