



Why is the recycling depot moving?

Metro Vancouver is currently constructing a new regional transfer station at the old Coquitlam landfill site. As part of the new facility, an expanded municipal recycling depot is being constructed and funded by the Tri-City communities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody. Metro Vancouver extended an invitation to the City of New Westminster to participate in the new depot, and New Westminster will join the new facility when it opens for operations in 2020.

Where is the new facility located?

The new facility is located at the old Coquitlam landfill site at 995 United Boulevard. This site is located just across the New Westminster Bailey bridge.

What are the benefits to relocating?

The new regional recycling depot/transfer station will be a convenient full-service one-stop drop for all types of wastes and recyclables serving both residential and commercial customers. It will accept all items that the New Westminster depot currently accepts, in addition to paid items such as mattresses and garbage. The new facility will also be open 363 days a year.

How much will it cost the City?

The Tri-Cities communities and the City of New Westminster will all participate in funding the new regional recycling depot. Based on a funding model that apportions 50% of the cost on population and 50% on use, New Westminster's cost would be \$51,000 per year. In comparison, 2017 operating expenses at the City's recycling depot were \$113,000. It will be 50% more cost effective for New Westminster to join the regional depot than operating our own.

Will I have to pay to use the new facility?

The recycling drop-off component of the facility will be free and accessible separate of traffic queuing for paid-for waste materials.

Will I have to wait in line to use the new facility?

The recycling area of the new facility will have its own designated lane access and exits, away from vehicles with paid-for waste materials. Vehicles leaving the recycling area will be able to exit the facility or return to the paid-for waste area. Commercial vehicles will have their own segregated lanes and scales.

Why can't the recycling depot stay at the current location?

The current site layout for the new aquatics and community centre precludes the recycling depot from remaining in its present location. Relocating the depot allows for an ideal site configuration to accommodate parking and vehicle and pedestrian circulation.



Why can't the recycling depot be relocated to somewhere else in New Westminster?

Alternative depot locations have been considered within the city. Given the high cost of land, relative proximity to private recycling facilities, and the breadth of our residential recycling and organic green waste collection programs, it is not cost effective to establish a new recycling depot within city limits.

The new facility is too far away from where I live. What are my options?

Residents currently have access to clean green waste disposal through the existing curbside yard and food scraps collection program. As well, there is the City's existing special pick-up service where City crews will collect and dispose of large quantities of green waste for a nominal fee. Access for residents to recycle non-refundable glass packaging is also readily available at many private Return-it Depots. Soft plastics such as other flexible plastic packaging can be recycled at Return-It Depots, many grocery stores, and private retailers.

Will the New Westminster recycling depot close?

The New Westminster recycling depot will close in February 2020.

When will the new facility open?

The new Metro Vancouver regional transfer facility is expected to open in fall 2020.

Where do I take my recyclables during the transition period?

During the transition period between the closure of the New Westminster recycling depot and the opening of the new regional transfer facility, the City of New Westminster will be providing pop-up recycling events for the community to drop off recyclables previously accepted at the City depot. Additionally, there are several private recycling depots located throughout New Westminster that accept items not included in curbside and multi-family collection.

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