



## News Release

### **SCRD Aims to Reduce Emissions with Changes to Wood Waste Processing**

Sechelt, BC —November 4, 2019—The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) will no longer accept wood waste at the Sechelt Landfill effective November 13, 2019.

Over the last several years the SCR D's contractor transported most of the wood to a landfill off Coast, and that contract ended at the end of last January.

In May the SCR D Board awarded the new contract, worth approximately \$500,000, to Salish Soils.

Salish Soils will be accepting all wood waste from residents on behalf of the SCR D and will collect the unchanged tipping fee. The Pender Harbour Transfer Station will continue to accept wood at the current tipping fee.

"This change will reduce GHG emissions associated with transportation as the processing of all the wood waste will now remain on the Sunshine Coast," says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services.

Due to the arrangement with Salish Soils all handling of wood will be diverted from the Sechelt Landfill, operational benefits include increased space to store other materials in the public drop-off area and reduced traffic congestion during peak-periods.

The Sechelt Landfill is on the same route as the Salish Soils site which is located at 5646 Schetxwen Road, Sechelt, and is also currently being used by residents for green waste and recycling drop off.

Inquiries about wood waste should be directed to Salish Soils at 604-885-5383, or by visiting [www.salishenvironmentalgroup.com](http://www.salishenvironmentalgroup.com).

Other landfill questions can be directed to the SCR D at 604-885-6806 or [infrastructure@scrd.ca](mailto:infrastructure@scrd.ca) [www.scrd.ca/landfill](http://www.scrd.ca/landfill).

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