

# LANDFILL EXPANSION

## LOAN AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION

### Frequently Asked Questions



**GOAL:** To open a new cell at the landfill to intake waste for the next 30+ years

#### What are we doing?

The City of Prince Rupert will be constructing a new solid waste intake cell at the existing Prince Rupert landfill site.

#### Why are we doing it?

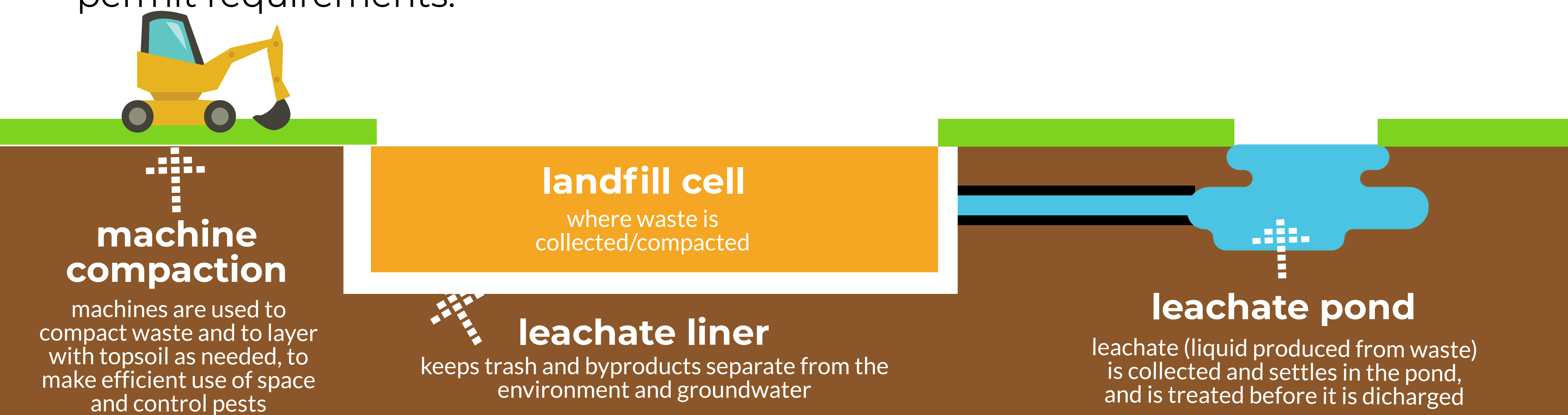
The current cell, which was constructed in 1991 is nearly full and will no longer have the capacity to intake waste.

#### How much will it cost and what does it include?

The total cost of the project is expected to be \$10,000,000. This includes engineering, design and, construction of the cell with project oversight.

#### How will construction and activation proceed?

Creation of the new cell will require blasting and removal of rock to create the necessary basin which will be lined with a leachate liner. This basin will connect to the leachate lagoon and a berm around the circumference of the cell will be created including fencing. The current cell will continue to be in use while the new cell is created. Upon completion and activation of the new cell, the existing cell will be closed in accordance with the Ministry of Environment permit requirements.



#### How will it be financed?

The City plans to fund the project through debt obtained from the Municipal Finance Authority.

#### Will solid waste rates increase to repay the debt?

No. The annual debt repayments are to be made through the current solid waste fees. Presently a portion of the fees is allocated towards the new cell expansion. These fees are expected to meet the annual debt repayment obligations of approximately \$500,000 per year.





### **What is needed from Council to proceed?**

In order to borrow funds to pay for the new solid waste cell, Council must pass a Loan Authorization Bylaw. Council needs assent from eligible voting aged residents to approve loan bylaws. Council has opted to request assent through the Alternative Approval Process which allows Council to proceed with an action (in this case borrowing) unless at least 10% of the eligible electors indicate their opposition within a legislated period.

### **How do I support Council's decision to borrow for the New Solid Waste Cell?**

Given Council has elected to seek assent through the Alternative Approval Process, you can **support Council by not signing** the elector response form.

### **How do I indicate I do not agree with borrowing funds to construct the new solid waste cell?**

To disagree with borrowing funds to construct the new solid waste cell, you must sign an elector response form to indicate your disagreement.

An elector response form is available at City Hall and blank forms can be mailed, faxed, or emailed, upon request.

Only forms with original signatures may be submitted. To qualify for submission before the deadline, they must be submitted in person or by mail to City Hall and be received by the Corporate Administrator no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday, July 24th, 2020. Postmarks WILL NOT be accepted as date of submission and forms WILL NOT be accepted by FAX.

### **What happens if 10% or more electors indicate they disagree?**

If at least 10% of the eligible electors state their opposition to obtaining a loan to finance the new solid waste cell construction, the matter will then require Assent of the Electors which is obtained by voting (referendum) and the majority at the ballot decides whether Council may proceed.

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# RE:BUILD RUPERT

The overall goal of the new solid waste intake cell is to create a space to intake refuse when the existing cell is full. Diversion of recyclables and organics is in beginning phases for implementation. Ultimately, the City intends for this to be the last cell created in the region while we move towards a zero waste community. In the meantime the creation of a new cell is a costly but necessary undertaking for the health and wellbeing of the community. The action of obtaining debt to finance the remainder of the project is considered necessary for replacement of a vital piece of city infrastructure.

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