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7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Center Forestry Clients

The Regional District, as part of its efforts to minimize the adverse the impacts of solid waste, is formally requiring that boxes previously contained seedlings be diverted from the general waste stream with any plastic bagging removed.

The cardboard that makes up these boxes are usually coated with wax or similar water resistant material and historically could not be recycled and hence were buried with the general garbage at the landfill. Recently 7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Center (7MLRC) has had success in composting this type of cardboard with our tub ground waste wood and biosolids. The resulting compost, when applied as cover material to the landfill, has been demonstrated to remove all methane emissions where applied. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that is calculated to have an impact that is over 20 times that of carbon dioxide. When buried in the past, this cardboard would have contributed to the production of methane and other contaminants so the new practice benefits the North Island in multiple ways.

The Regional District is recommending that this requirement be communicated to your planting contractors to facilitate implementation. Landfill staff is committed to working with the forest industry to ensure minimal disruptions within your operations.

If any member of the public has any questions or concerns, please ask landfill staff at (250) 949-1681 or contact the Manager of Operations at (250) 956-3301.

Yours sincerely

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Cc 7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Center

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ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" (SOINTULA); "B" (HOLBERG, WINTER HARBOUR); "C" (QUATSINO, COAL HARBOUR, HYDE CREEK); "D" (WOSS, TELEGRAPH COVE)