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**Subject:**

FW: composting/biosolids facility built at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road

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**Subject:** RE: composting/biosolids facility built at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road

Hello Andrew,

The syilx (Okanagan) Nation holds unextinguished aboriginal title and rights to the land and resources within our Territory. Our lands and our jurisdiction over our lands have never been ceded. Our responsibilities to the lands, waters and all living things within our Territorial boundaries were given to us by the Creator; they are the truth; an unending truth and cannot be given or taken away. All activities on the land and water are exclusively subject to syilx (Okanagan) title, jurisdiction, rights, interests, and syilx (Okanagan) decision making and responsibility.

The proposed development is located within a culturally significant area for the Penticton Indian Band, syilx Okanagan Nation. Current and past use of this area have been identified by PIB and syilx knowledge indicate that the area is highly significant. These activities represent an infringement on our aboriginal rights and title and will have a lasting impact on our people's ability to harvest plants and animals for food, social or ceremonial purposes. Our people are being systematically and purposefully excluded from our sacred lands, our hunting areas, our gathering areas, and our places of ceremony.

The RDOS does not have the right or jurisdiction to issue or approve activities on our lands or waters without acquiring consent from the Penticton Indian Band, syilx Okanagan Nation. Consideration of activities within syilx Okanagan Territory requires deep, lasting, and high-level consultation. This is true for all lands within our Territory and is not limited in any way by size, type, scope, or purpose.

As such, we write to request that you attend the PIB Major Projects Committee, at 3 PM, Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to make a presentation to PIB and begin the process to seek PIB's free, prior, and informed consent.

We look forward to your presentation and further engagement.

Thank you,

*Lisa Wilson*

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August 8, 2023

Reply to the attention of Shannon Duong  
ALC Planning Review: 46845  
Local Government File: E2023.008-ZONE

Shannon Duong  
Planner II, RDOS  
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**Re: Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**

Thank you for forwarding a draft copy of Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24 ("Bylaw Amendment") for review and comment by the Agricultural Land Commission ("ALC" or "Commission"). The following comments are provided to help ensure that the Bylaw Amendment is consistent with the purposes of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* ("ALCA"), the Agricultural Land Reserve ("ALR") General Regulation, the ALR Use Regulation, and any decisions of the ALC.

The Bylaw Amendment proposes to amend the zoning bylaw to facilitate the two-phased construction and operation of a composting facility on the property identified as 1313 Greyback Mountain Road; PID: 011-781-441 (the "Property").

In 2020, ALC Application 60765 was submitted to the Commission to exclude the ALR portion of the Property from the ALR to construct a composting facility. By Resolution #512/2021, the Commission refused to exclude the ALR portion of the Property for the composting facility.

The Bylaw Amendment notes that most of the Property is within the ALR. Phase 1 of the composting facility is proposed outside of the ALR; however, Phase 2 of the facility, that includes biosolids storage and agricultural and wood waste composting, is proposed within the ALR. The Bylaw Amendment notes that a non-farm use application is required for Phase 2.

ALC Staff confirm that a non-farm use for Phase 2 of the composting facility within the ALR is required, and that an application has not been submitted to the Commission for its consideration at this time. Any zoning changes to the ALR portion of the Property that permits a use that is not permitted in the ALR would be inconsistent with the ALCA and its Regulations and, to the extent of the inconsistency, would have no force and effect. ALC Staff recommend that the



Bylaw Amendment does not proceed unless or until the non-farm use for Phase 2 within the ALR is approved by the Commission.

ALC Staff have no concerns about zoning amendments to the non-ALR portion of the Property.

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The ALC strives to provide a detailed response to all referrals affecting the ALR; however, you are advised that the lack of a specific response by the ALC to any draft provisions cannot in any way be construed as confirmation regarding the consistency of the submission with the ALCA, the Regulations, or any decisions of the Commission.

This response does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.

If you have any questions about the above comments, please contact the undersigned at 236-468-2034 or by e-mail at [ALC.Referrals@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ALC.Referrals@gov.bc.ca).

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION



Claire Buchanan, Regional Planner

Enclosure: Referral of Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24

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Good morning,

Please see the City's comments on this referral below:

*The City of Penticton supports Phase I and Phase II of the proposed compost facility to be constructed at 1313 Greyback Road. Food waste composting is aligned with Penticton's Official Community Plan (S. 4.4.6.2) and Community Climate Action Plan (Waste 1.2). Utilizing local food and yard waste to create compost for beneficial reuse will lower greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to a circular waste economy.*

Regards,

**Steven Collyer, MPA, RPP, MCIP**  
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### Fortis Property Referral #2023-936

Hello,

Please be advised FortisBC Energy Inc. has no concerns as we have no gas in this area.

Thank you,

**Liz Dell**  
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Re: Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24, 2023

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is seeking input from agencies whose interests may be affected by a proposed rezoning.

Please find attached a referral for a Zoning Amendment Bylaw and a link above to the draft amendment bylaw and related documents. Please review this information and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Once reviewed, if you have any comments/concerns, please forward them to [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca) by August 7, 2023.

Regards,



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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Re: RDOS - Proposed Rezoning of  
Plan KAP1190, Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD  
1313 Greyback Mountain Road (Electoral Area "E") - "1313"

Further to my letters dated April 19, 2020 and Oct 2, 2020, which several of you are already in possession of, the Residents in and around 1313 Greyback Mountain Road have not changed their position in regards to the RDOS building a compost/biosolids facility on 1313. We are still 98% against such a facility being built.

**OUR CONCERNS ARE STILL THE SAME BEING:**

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1. 1313 must be protected and remain as agricultural land particularly when we are in an era where food security is a growing global issue and the ALR land must be preserved for its highest and best use – agricultural production.
2. 1313 must be protected so British Columbians can access locally grown food, and communities and local economies can prosper through farming, ranching and agriculture business, such as B.C.'s growing food-processing sector.
3. 1313 has a known base of sandy soil on fractured bedrock that can directly contaminate runoff in any direction and ultimately pollute well water. The existing water wells in the area are drilled to depths in excess of 500' which are below the level of 1313.
4. The City of Penticton recently built a parking lot and established hiking and biking trails on Campbell Mountain which is across the road from 1313 and the pristine beauty of this area needs to be preserved and protected.
5. There are herds of approximately 30+ California Big Horn Sheep, 100+ Elk and 40+ deer that are currently using 1313 as their wildlife corridor and birthing grounds. There are also numerous coyotes, rattlesnakes, bobcats, cougars, bald eagles and other native species that frequent 1313.
6. The City of Penticton Water Reservoir (Penticton Creek) is just to the southeast and below 1313. The watershed flows from the east side of 1313 down to this Reservoir (drinking water treatment plant) which has a huge potential for leachate.
7. 1362 Greyback Mountain Road's water well is below 1313 and will also be subject to leachate.
8. Watershed runs through the valley from the east through the north end of 1313 and flows west downhill towards Okanagan Lake.
9. Several properties south and west of the Campbell Mountain Landfill have already been contaminated and the RDOS had to purchase 1655 Reservoir Road due to water well contamination from the Landfill.
10. 1313 is in a valley similar to a boxed canyon which restricts air movement and airflow.
11. Nine (9) residential properties from the north and east as well as numerous view residences to the southeast (Upper Carmi) are in direct sight of 1313.
12. We consistently encounter long lineups when scale traffic is backed up hindering our access to our residence. This will only get worse when the RDOS wants to share the weigh scale which is on the west side of Spiller Road with the compost/biosolids facility which will be on the east side of Spiller Road. The large trucks will be crossing Spiller Road going to and from the weigh scales to the facility on a daily basis. If it is already affecting residential traffic just imagine what it will be like with the biosolids/composting facility being implemented. On March 26, 2020 the RDOS posted an Update: Landfill Traffic Creating Safety Concerns which stated "Lineups on busy days are stretching outside the landfill and blocking traffic. This affects landfill users, and residents who live near the landfill."



13. As this compost/biosolids facility is to cover a greater area than just the City of Penticton there will be an excessive amount of large heavy trucks bringing sludge up a road that is already too narrow, contains a switchback, has heavy traffic, a very steep incline, a blind corner and winding. There are already too many close call accidents waiting to happen with the existing road and it is in terrible disrepair all year long.
14. Should the compost/biosolids facility be placed on the east side of Spiller Road with the existing Campbell Mountain Landfill on the west, residents who live on Spiller Road, Pinetree Way, Falconridge Drive and Vista Place will have no alternative but to **DRIVE THRU THE DUMP** to get to their properties. This will have a huge impact on the Residents mental and physical well-being, the aesthetics of their drive home and a huge decrease in property values. Will the RDOS be compensating home owners for these losses?
15. We are concerned about the additional noise from the trucking, mixing the biosolids, exhaust fans, product curing, methane gas, optional screening and/or bagging and storage of pre/post finished product. The RDOS will not disclose what type of facility they are planning to build or how they will be dealing with the release of the methane gas.
16. The Campbell Mountain Landfill has been in operation for 48 years (established in 1972) and when we purchased our property in 2010 we were told that it would be closing in 7 years - 2017. Other neighbours were told when it was built in 1972 it would only be there for 10 years – 1982. Other neighbours were told when they purchased in 2002 that it was closing in 10 years - 2012. It is now 2023 and the RDOS has stated in the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 invitation letter that “The innovative design will allow the Campbell Mountain Landfill to stay open until 2104.” Another 81 years! Why extend the life of something that does not meet provincial guidelines, does not pass current inspections, is unethical for the next generations and will only get worse as time progresses?
17. In an article dated March 13, 2023 the Campbell Mountain Landfill failed another inspection in that “Inspectors found a number of instances where the operation was out of compliance with regulations, including higher than allowable levels of fecal coliform bacteria.” See the following link:  
<https://globalnews.ca/news/9549406/penticton-bc-compost-safe-inspection-report/>
18. In a July 4, 2023 Castanet Article  
<https://www.castanet.net/news/Penticton/435161/New-plan-for-another-shot-at-long-delayed-compost-facility-in-Regional-District-of-Okanagan-Similkameen>  
Paragraph 5 states “...after an online survey, 67 per cent of resident respondents were in favour of the project moving forward.”

This online survey was done in September 2020 and there was only 21 Total Votes (no indication as to where these 21 votes reside) of which 67% said Yes, 14% said No and 19% Needed more information.

This was done after the RDOS had received my two Petitions tin April 2020 that contained over 241 names. Interesting how the RDOS failed to mention these two Petitions to the Castanet Reporter.

This shows that the RDOS is not forthcoming to the public about the opposition that it is receiving.



19. In that same July 4, 2023 Castanet Article it states "RDOS staff are recommending an organic waste-only aerated bunker system, a step back from original plans that would have included biosolids...".

However, in the RDOS Administrative Report from B. Newell dated July 6, 2023 on Page 3 at the bottom it states: "The proposed Option 3 facility design will accommodate a biosolids composting facility as a second phase to the project. Opportunity to apply for a "non-farm use" on the remainder of the 1313 Greyback Mountain Road property has been confirmed. This will not compromise grant project funding and, ALC permitting, will allow the construction of a biosolids facility in the future. An option to ship biosolids to an existing facility does exist as an interim measure should the closure of the biosolids composting facility at Campbell Mountain facility occur prior to an ALC decision.

The future expansion planning for a biosolids composting facility (bunker) could occur during the predesign process and the RODS could ensure the final design considers this future expansion as Phase 2."

This shows us that the RDOS is not forthcoming to the public about the future biosolids project.

THEREFORE, I MUST ASK THAT ALL OF YOU PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THIS DOCUMENTATION AND ENSURE THAT **1313 (all 80 acres)** STAYS AS AGRICULTURAL LAND AND USED FOR FARMING ONLY SO THAT WE CAN PROTECT ALL OF THE SPECIES THAT HABITAT AND CALVE ON THAT LAND AS WELL AS ALL WATER SOURCES.

**Again please note, all of the residents that are beside or above Campbell Mountain Landfill and that were able to be contacted are still 98% opposed to this application.**

Again, due to the lack of transparency from the RDOS, it is very easy to see that they are trying their hardest to keep the public in the dark about what they are doing. THE BEST PREDICTOR FOR FUTURE BEHAVIOUR IS PAST BEHAVIOUR.

**THEREFORE, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE LEAVE 1313 AS PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND AND PROTECT THIS FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT.**

Sincerely,

Jim and Jacquie Jackson



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**From:** vicky kryzanowski  
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Hello my name is Victoria Kryzanowski I am sending you the letter in regards to the meeting being held on August 9/2023 about 1313 Greyback mountain road.

I have received this notice on Monday august 1 2023 which was sent on July 26 which does not give me time to book this meeting off as I work night shift. I feel the RDOS does not want to involve the neighbours as this will affect me the most. I am highly opposed to this facility. This is not ALR it is industrial and offensive.

You are not taking the wild life or farming in the area. RDOS has the property at 1655 reservoir road that is already contaminated why not use that area? That property and my property are highly used by Elk and Deer migration I will be contacting B.C. parks which just bought 151 acres in Okanagan park area maybe they should get involved too.

There is also a water source that could be affected just like 1655 reservoir road because 1313 Greyback is higher than my land leaching runs down hill there were 5 properties affected from the dump all ready.

I am very disappointed that there is no real communication with the public you always don't consider that this is a long weekend . We don't want this .Totally unacceptable.

Victoria Kryzanowski  
LotA PlanKAP37672  
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Hi Shannon,

We've reviewed the referral, and our only comment is that we support the ALC staff position that a non-farm use for Phase 2 of the composting facility should be approved by ALC before proceeding with the zoning amendments for the ALR portion of the property. Ministry staff have no concerns with the zoning amendments for the non-ALR portion of the property.

Thanks,  
Alison

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Hi Phillip,

I'm just checking in to see if you've had a chance to review this referral.

Thanks,





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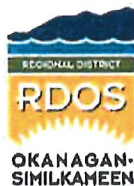
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**To:** Shannon Duong  
**Subject:** Bylaw Referral - RDOS File No. E2023.008-ZONE - Zoning Amendment - Electoral Area "E"

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Dear Shannon Duong:

Thank you for your email of July 7, 2023, regarding Bylaw Referral – RDOS File No. E2023.008-ZONE – Zoning Amendment – Electoral Area "E," for rezoning from Resource Area (RA) to Resource Area Site Specific (RAS) to zone for a composting operation.

Composting Operations are a prescribed activity under Schedule 2 of the [Waste Discharge Regulation](#) and require authorization under the [Environmental Management Act](#).

All composting facilities in British Columbia must be operated in accordance with the [Organic Matter Recycling Regulation](#) (OMRR) and all compost must be produced and distributed as specified in OMRR. There are two authorization processes for compost facilities depending on size and waste stream. A permit or operational certificate (OC) is also required for a composting facility with a design production capacity of 5000 tonnes or more dry weight of finished compost annually from food waste or biosolids, as specified in Section 3.1 of OMRR. A notification is required if producing less than 5000 tonnes dry finished product from food waste or biosolids or if using any other feedstock as specified in Schedule 12 with any design capacity. Please note that only the organic matter listed in Schedule 12 of OMRR can be used as feedstock to produce Class A and Class B Compost. For more information on applying for a notification, permit or OC, please visit our [Waste Discharge Authorization](#) website.

For notifications, permits, and OCs, the discharger must, at least 90 days before beginning the operation of a compost facility, give notice to the director, Environmental Management Act, and the Land Reserve Commission if the composting facility is in an agricultural land reserve as required in Section 25 of OMRR.

Should you have any further questions, please contact me.

Thank you for referring the zoning amendment to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Sincerely,

**Magdalena Maslowski**

*Environmental Protection Officer, Communities, IPM & AgriFood*  
Regional Operations Branch | Environmental Protection Division



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# RESPONSE SUMMARY

## AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2800.24

Approval Recommended for Reasons Outlined Below

Interests Unaffected by Bylaw

Approval Recommended Subject to Conditions Below

Approval Not Recommended Due to Reasons Outlined Below

The Village of Keremeos supports the rezoning and the use of the property for a composting operation.

**Signature:** Margaret Coulson WTANM5

**Signed By:** Marg Coulson

**Agency:** Village of Keremeos

**Title:** Chief Administrative Officer

**Date:** July 25, 2023





## Lauri Feindell

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**Subject:** FW: IH Response: Bylaw Referral - RDOS File No. E2023.008-ZONE - Zoning Amendment - Electoral Area "E"

**From:** HBE [IH] <HBE@interiorhealth.ca>  
**Sent:** August 28, 2023 5:03 PM  
**To:** Shannon Duong <sduong@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** IH Response: Bylaw Referral - RDOS File No. E2023.008-ZONE - Zoning Amendment - Electoral Area "E"

Hello Shannon,


Thank you for the opportunity to review this development proposal to rezone the subject parcel to allow a community compost facility. We have reviewed this information from a health community development perspective. We have no objections to this proposal.

We think compost facilities are important community infrastructure for community and environmental sustainability. For this reason we support them in locations, with designs, good governance and operational management where they do not pose health hazards.

**Anita Ely** (she, her, hers)

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**Lauri Feindell**

**Subject:**

FW: What is compost?

BOARD: SEPT 7, 2023  
AGENDA ITEM: B.7.  
LATE ITEM RECEIVED

**From:** Ryan McNichol

**Sent:** September 3, 2023 9:42 PM

**To:** Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>

**Subject:** What is compost?

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To whom it may concern,

By definition it is; the aerobic decomposition of organic material.

After a recent open council/Q&A meeting from the RDOS on the proposed new compost/greens-waste/potential bio-waste facility I was informed on a few of the details on the approach and design being taken by the RDOS for this facility, and I have concerns.

1. **QUALITY:** Your staff could not give quantifying metrics that would be used to determine whether the product (compost) was of quality besides texture and size. The only way to determine the quality of compost (or soil) is to look at the biology under a microscope and assess if it contains sufficient numbers of beneficial organisms including fungi, bacteria, protozoa, nematodes, and microarthropods. Without these assessments we could be spreading harmful bacteria, pathogens, fungi, etc causing more harm than good. However, if we use proper practices in a controlled measured environment we can produce a quality product that literally changes the landscape of our valley. On a side note it would do wonders for the current roadside erosion issues we're facing. Wherever this facility is located we need to aim to produce the best quality of biocomplete compost possible, and avoid another compost operation that's a putrid anaerobic fire hazard like the one currently on Campbell mountain.

2. **RECIPE/RATIOS:** BioComplete compost has specific ratios that must be followed in order to produce beneficial organisms. Though there can be small variations on this it looks like:  
-60% woody material (wood chips) is a fungal food and creates space/air to help the compost remain aerobic. Wood chips need to offgas before use, when fresh they contain antibacterial qualities;  
-30% greens (food waste, lawn and yard clippings, coffee grounds, etc) this is bacteria food and helps to maintain high enough temperatures through them multiplying. Too much bacteria will use oxygen faster than it can diffuse and turn your pile anaerobic and lead to the production of alcohol vapour and fires;  
-10% nitrogen (manure, spent brewers grain, alfalfa, etc) this is the initial food to increase temperatures within beneficial ranges (60c - 76c)

The more diversity in the materials the better, i.e. several different types of trees for woodchips is better than one or two varieties. Local ingredients will adapt better to local soils and conditions. 50%-60% moisture must be maintained throughout, water must come from an uncontaminated source and contain no chlorine or chloramine.

3. **TEMPERATURE/TIMING:** Without getting into too many details, once the compost is properly mixed all parts of the pile must reach and remain at certain temps for a specified amount of time, which varies based on



the temperature it reached. Happy to detail this out in future discussions. The obstacle here is ensuring proper turning techniques and equipment are used. A front-end loader is possibly the worst tool for the job, there are attachments and stand alone machines designed to properly turn compost and temperatures must be properly monitored and logged.

The above is a very brief description of the compost process but one that has been repeatedly tested for years and continues to have success across the globe. This method of creating biocomplete compost was first discovered by my teacher and colleague Dr. Elaine Ingham. I implore everyone involved in this project to visit her site here <https://www.soilfoodweb.com/> and consume as much material as possible. The soil health of our community depends on it.

I would be more than happy to advise and discuss the approach on a new compost facility. Most of the questions at the meeting were met with non-answers and your staff was unable to point to a similar facility that is currently producing your intended product that we could test. The reason for this is that you cannot produce quality compost with the majority of your ingredients being green waste. It is not more difficult or expensive to create high quality and biocomplete compost than it is to produce putrid anaerobic waste. So let's do the right thing.

Since you have already employed experts my first round of questions for them are:

What are the ingredients and ratios being used at this facility and what SOP's are in place to ensure these are maintained?

How are you monitoring temperature and what guidelines are you following?

What is being used to turn the compost and how are you ensuring all parts of the pile receive the same treatment?

Where is the water being sourced and has it been tested or tampered with?

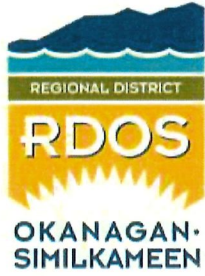
Who, where, and how will the compost be tested to ensure it's safe and contains the beneficial organisms?

Why do they need odour mitigation systems in place, when compost should never have foul odour (foul odour is a sign of anaerobic conditions)?

Looking forward to discussing this in the coming days.

Ryan McNichol





# Feedback Form

**Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

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Tel: 250-492-0237 / Email: [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca)

**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Lori Guertin  
(please print)

Street Address: Falconridge drive

Date: Oct 9/23

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
**1313 Greyback Mountain Road — Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD, Plan 1190**

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We have been through this before, the bottom line is we are not in support of a bio solids facility  
 On Greyback mountain. Look for another location.

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## ORGANIC WASTE TREATMENT AND PROCESSING FACILITY AT 1313 GREYBACK MOUNTAIN ROAD

Proposed:

- Phase 1 – composting facility
- Phase 2 - biosolids (sewage sludge) facility

The Regional District of the Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) is proceeding with a Rezoning Amendment for 25 acres, of 80 acres total, at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road (1313), without consents from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Foods. As of Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the ALC had not received an application from the RDOS for the non-farm use of Phase 2.

The apparent rush is perceived to be due to grant money being available if the tender is awarded by March 2024 and the project is complete by March 31, 2025. The very abbreviated notice for the public information session and the public hearing, and lack of detail distribution for same, seems to be a ploy to garner little to no public awareness leading to the RDOS, on its third try, to successfully get this project underway.

The public information session, held the day before the hearing, brought forth information but also added much confusion about the project since the staff manning it included an engineer who did not have answers to all the questions, the Area E Director who had never been to the site nor knew where it is, and a fellow two weeks into his job at the RDOS.

Might a conflict of interest be happening? The RDOS owns the land, the RDOS wants to re-zone the land and the RDOS is the governing body who approves the rezoning.

It is interesting that four Penticton City Councillors as well as the Mayor sit on both the City of Penticton and the RDOS Boards. Again, a conflict of interest?

### Some reasons for concern:

Listed below, not in order of importance, and are not necessarily all concerns

#### • **Location**

Does it have to be THERE, at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road? What about the RDOS owned property at 1655 Reservoir Road? That will NEVER again be a residential property as the RDOS had to buy it due to contamination from the landfill. At 6.093 acres, it could be big enough. Traffic to it could veer off Reservoir Road there, rather than having to go past the landfill entrance and the public parking lot. Trucks would not have to navigate the S curve to get to it. Just one idea for consideration.

- a) Trucks overheat in the summer and get stuck in the winter on Reservoir Road – particularly at the S curve.
- a) Frequent long lineups are now very common at the entrance to the landfill. Traffic headed to the public parking lot and to the proposed compost location past the entrance will be stuck. A spot lower down Reservoir Road, such as 1655 (or elsewhere), would alleviate this.
- b) The RDOS is stating that the long lineups will be eliminated when the new facilities go in at 1313. This is extremely doubtful as the line ups consist of other commercial vehicles, cars, SUV's, pick-up trucks, etc. – not just garbage/compost/sludge trucks.

#### • **Campbell Mountain Recreation area**

- a) Campbell Mountain's popular trail network is extremely well used for recreation. Walkers, hikers, bike riders and dog walkers enjoy it daily. This is in the immediate vicinity of the existing landfill and 1313 Greyback Mountain Road.
- b) The City built a public parking lot at the corner of Reservoir, Spiller, and Greyback Mountain Roads to service those utilizing all that is offered on Campbell Mountain. This lot is extremely



well used, often filled to capacity with overflow lining the adjacent roads. People accessing this parking lot do and will compete with compost and sludge trucks to get to it.

- **Environment**

- a) This is home to the Greyback Elk Herd (250 elk) and the exact spot they calve each spring.
- b) This is home to approximately 40 California Big Horn Sheep who also claim it as their calving grounds each spring.
- c) The Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, which is only found in BC and is one of only three remaining rattlesnake species in Canada, will be displaced.
- d) The ALR comprises just 5% of BC's total land base and is the area with the greatest agricultural capacity. As a finite and valuable resource, we must protect this land.
- e) Sewage sludge trucks leak. Anyone who has had the misfortune of following one will have been lucky to only have witnessed leakage flowing onto the road. The nasty contents can and do get splashed onto vehicles which is disgusting and very difficult to remove.

**Recent Background:**

- In 2020, the RDOS purchased 1313 Greyback Mountain Road, an 80 acre property east of the Campbell Mountain Landfill
  - 55 acres (22.4 ha) is the south portion of 1313 and is in the ALR.
  - 25 acres (10 ha) is the north portion of 1313, is not in the ALR, and is heavily treed.
- Attempt #1 - in 2020, the RDOS applied to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to remove the 55 acre portion from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).
- The ALC denied the application on Nov 4, 2021, stating *"...the Panel finds that it would not be appropriate to exclude the Property or permit the Proposed Composting Facility as a non-farm use on the ALR portion of the Property. The Panel finds that the Property is both suitable and capable of agriculture in its current state and therefore the ALR portion of the Property is an inappropriate place to build the Composting Facility."* Their Decision further stated *"For the reasons given above, the Panel refuses the Proposal to exclude the 22.4 ha ALR portion of the Property or to construct a composting facility as a non-farm use on the Property. These are the unanimous reasons of the Panel."*
- Attempt #2 – in 2022, the RDOS appealed the ALC's decision. The ALC denied the appeal.
- Attempt #3 – at present - Since the 55 acres in the ALR cannot be used, the City of Penticton (COP) and the RDOS revised their tactic, deciding to rezone the remaining 25 acres (non-ALR). Hence the public hearing.

**History:**

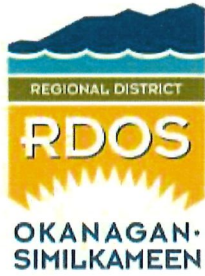
Not in chronological order

- The Campbell Mountain Landfill has been in operation for 51 years (established in 1972). When it was built, existing landowners were told it was temporary, that in 10 years it would be covered over, and a golf course would be installed. That would have been 1982, so the initial promise has been broken for 41 years!
- In April 2017 an invitation letter stated that, *"The innovative design will allow the Campbell Mountain Landfill to stay open until 2104."* Another 81 years, from now?! Why extend the life of something that does not meet provincial guidelines, is unethical for the next generations, is not passing current inspections and will only get worse as time progresses?
- The current Landfill is located on 153 Acres and is running out of room.
- On June 23, 2023, the Penticton Herald wrote, *"If current population trends continue, the City of Penticton's population is projected to grow to almost 56,000 residents by 2046."*

- If Penticton is projecting such population growth in 23 years, why is a composting facility on 25 acres, adjacent to a Landfill that is 6+ times that size and already out of room, even being considered?
- In a Feb 7, 2017 Global News Article, Bill Newell, CAO at the RDOS, was quoted as saying, *“The Campbell Mountain Landfill was built long before there were requirements for a special liner or membrane beneath the soil. That’s why contaminants from the garbage are now leaching beyond the dump’s property line. It is a landfill and it was constructed in 1972 so there is going to be leachate. We’ve been testing around the landfill for years waiting to see if it was going to start moving down towards the lake and in early 2016 we got our first indicators that it was moving off-site.”*
- On Apr 4, 2017, the RDOS sent a letter to all area residents inviting them to an Open House involving the ‘Moving the Penticton Wastewater Treatment Sludge Compost Facility’ to across Spiller Road and ‘Siting of a Regional Food Waste Compost Facility’ to either Marron Valley or Summerland Landfill. This letter stated, *“Water coming down the mountain can flow through the soil into the Landfill property. If allowed to come in contact with garbage or compostable materials it can pick up contaminates. This ground water, mixed with any surface runoff, can then leave the site contaminating properties down slope. The RDOS has confirmed that traces of contaminated ground water have left the Campbell Mountain property. The main contaminates found are salts, that are indicators that other, more serious, materials may be moving downhill. The RDOS has informed all affected property owners.”*
- On April 24, 2017, there was an Open House regarding moving the Penticton Wastewater Treatment Sludge Compost Facility to across Spiller Road. All in attendance were 100% opposed.
- Open Houses for Marron Valley and Summerland revealed the same results – 100% opposition.
- On August 30, 2019, a Penticton Western News article stated, *“it will be difficult to find facilities that will take the compost produced by the facility.”*
- A Sept 27, 2019 Penticton Western News article stated *“In 2017, the regional district considered a facility to be located at either the Summerland Landfill or the Marron Valley Landfill. Both sites were rejected and both were the subject of considerable public opposition.”* Andrew Reeder stated, *“...the existing facility at Campbell Mountain does not meet the province’s regulations for leachate management.”*
- A non-compliance advisory letter dated Nov 16, 2022 from the Ministry of Environment stated, *“Inspectors found a number of instances where the operation was out of compliance with regulations, including higher than allowable levels of fecal coliform bacteria. And another, but not listed as a compliance matter, was a computer glitch that led to no temperature records for 2021.”*
- In 2017, 100% of area residents were opposed to moving the biosolids (sewage sludge) facilities across Spiller Road.
- In 2020, a ‘Protect Agricultural Land Petition’ to stop the removal of the 55 acres from the ALR had 96 signatures with 98% of the area residents opposed to removing the land from the ALR.
- In 2020, a ‘GoPetition’ had 145 signatures opposed to removing the land from the ALR.
- Now, in 2023, as of this writing, a ‘GoPetition’ has over 125 signatures opposed to the rezoning of the non-ALR land.

J. Jackson  
Concerned Penticton Resident





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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Jacque Jackson  
(please print)

Street Address: ) Falcon Ridge Drive Penticton BC

Date: October 10, 2023

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
**1313 Greyback Mountain Road — Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD, Plan 1190**

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The RDOS is not listening: On Aug 8/23 the ALC advised the RDOS not to proceed with the rezoning until the non-farm use for Phase 2 within the ALR has been approved. No application has been submitted. On Aug 9/23 the Min. of Agr & Food advised they support the ALC and the composting facility should be approved by ALC before proceeding with zoning amendments. On Oct 5/23 a Public Hearing received 100% opposition to the rezoning from the attendees. On Oct 4/23 at a Information Meeting Andrew Reeder advised everyone there were no alternative locations, however, on Thursday (Oct 5th) regional directors were touring the Westbank First Nations (WFN) partnership with Brenda Renewables to use the old Brenda Mines site as a new composting/biosolids facility. Why did Andrew Reeder not tell attendees about this. The WFN has invited all communities, south to the US Border and north to Vernon, to partake. WE MUST PARTNER WITH WFN. Campbell Mountain Landfill and area has been leaching into Okanagan Lake since 2016. This rezoning will be another environmental disaster!

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## Lauri Feindell

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**From:** Jeff K  
**Sent:** October 5, 2023 7:57 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Compost Site rezoning feedback

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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My name is Jeff Kler and I am a resident of Spiller road.

I also echo the sentiment to extend the time for feedback.

Based on three key points.

1 that that the Makonis environmental study was provide in the incredibly late and short notice and without sufficient time to review and verify claims or assertions. Although it sounds like the report call for further investigation. In a half page what scope could possibly be said other than, dunno didn't see much but someone should go look harder.

Can we at least push this hearing until that addition investigation is completed and time for that report to be reviewed and vetted. We asked to support something on half of the information.

2. Earlier today Westbank frost nations announced their own competing project at the Brenda mome site and says they are absolutely willing to take on other regions. Andrew repeated there were no other locations for this, clearly this statement is miss informed.

3. Finally, at the information session the rdos did not provide sufficient subject matter experts pertaining to questions regarding wetlands or exact zoning bylaws.

I do not believe there was sufficient time or communication to stakeholders.

I request:

A mail-out to resident within a 10km radius and along all major routes 1 month in advance.

In that mail-out to include:

Layout the regulatory process before the information session.

We'd like information on the requirements of the grant that is driving this timeline.

At the next question and information session:



We'd like access to proper subject matter experts that can answer questions. As well as the project sponsors to answer the economic analysis and initiating rationale.

Would the next time we do an economic assessment include a long term impact and the size of the plume growth over time. The longer this goes on the larger this plume gets and becomes exponentially more difficult to deal with.

If this project does go ahead:

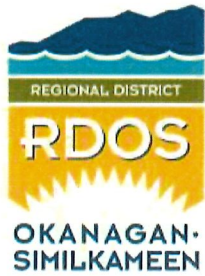
When we asked why the phases couldn't be flipped - your own engineer acknowledged that was a really good idea. These residents are clearly concerned about pollution first and smell also high on that list. Phase 1 does not address this in any way.

I do believe this group here on the room and do believe that this group is doing the best they could.

Finally, I request these notes to post publicly to ensure they are captured loyally.

Regards,  
Jeff Kler





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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Joanne Kler  
(please print)

Street Address: Spiller Rd.

Date: October 5, 2023

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I support the concept of the proposed composting facility and the aims it is hoping to achieve, but I have concerns with the project: (1) I know there is a spring and surrounding wetland located on the City of Penticton parcel, directly adjacent to (west of) the proposed Phase 1 boundary. I believe based on the Okanagan Zoning Bylaw 2800 (2022) that a 100 m setback must be maintained between any composting facility and this wetland. (2) Based on information provided at the public information session on Oct. 4, the human solid waste composting at the dump is the source of 50% of the dump's leachate and the main source of the dump's odour. I therefore believe it is more important to build the solid waste management facility in Phase 1 of the project, instead of Phase 2, particularly given that the ALC may again reject the non-farm use application for Phase 2. (3) I would like to the RDOS to go back to the drawing board and explore with the City of Penticton more possible solutions/mitigations for the entire waste management site - including the dump - as my objection to the compost facility is that it will allow more waste into and prolong the life of a dump which is an environmental disaster. I learned at the public information session that it is very difficult to find and approve of new landfill locations - so I think the City/RDOS should use the next 85 years wisely. (4) I appreciate the aims of Phase 1 of the compost facility are to divert yard and kitchen waste from the dump, but I am concerned that the program may encourage bad disposal behaviour from large/non-commercial landowners. From the public information session (Oct. 4) it is my understanding that the Phase 1 compost facility will have an un-staffed scale with an access pass system for large compost trucks (who will collect from residents via a green bin program) and for commercial operators. But what about private residents with large properties? I know residents who, largely for wildfire mitigation or agricultural reasons, may transport upwards of 30 trips of prunings to the dump each year - I wonder how they will be able to access the Phase 1 facility? If they will be required to use the green bins, then the RDOS and City of Penticton should expect an increase in illegal dumping in the area around Spiller and increased open burning. (5) I understand that traffic to the dump won't increase in the immediate term, but as the population increases in and around Penticton, do the City and RDOS really think it's a good idea for more trucks to be driving through either school zones or tourist areas? I may have misheard at the info session, but if the Marron Valley property was rejected due to traffic (which I thought was the explanation provided), then it should be revisited immediately.

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## Lauri Feindell

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**From:**  
**Sent:** October 5, 2023 7:58 PM  
**To:** Mark Pendergraft; Planning; Christopher Garrish; Andrew Reeder  
**Subject:** Compost facility

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Attention: Chair Pendergraft & Board of Directors

I am writing to you this evening in full support of the proposed organic compost facility at 1313 Greyback Road. It is time that we take action to protect our environment by reducing the leaching that is currently taking place at the Campbell Mountain Landfill. The process to get to this proposal has taken longer than a decade and proceeding with a compost facility that will process agricultural waste, residential waste and yard waste is a must. The end product is organic compost that will go back out onto agricultural and residential properties.

The location is perfect – right beside the current landfill where staff can work both locations. This landfill serves the south Okanagan region. People have said this will increase odour, when in fact it will reduce odour for residents of the area. Please do what is right and move this project forward. Composting is good and opposing it simply does not make sense.

Karla Kozakevich  
Area E & G



## Lauri Feindell

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**From:** Victoria Kryzanowski  
**Sent:** October 5, 2023 7:42 PM  
**To:** Shannon Duong  
**Subject:** Public hearing 1313 Greyback Road

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This is the view of the valley for the underground water system that runs from 1313 Greyback mountain Road ! This is on my property running thought to 1362 Greyback mountain road and the riapan area.

We Kryzanowski family do not accept this project and we feel the rdos is just railroading us with no time to fight this and no communications at all every meeting is short notice and is not being recorded as told at meeting last night ( open house) No one has this information recorded just what's typed.

From Victoria/ Valerie /Billie Jo /Peter Kryzanowski

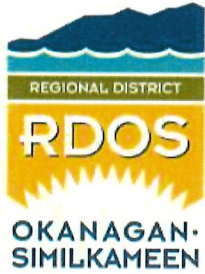
The owners of the property lotA,planKAP37672,District Lot2553,

And the owners of 1655 reservoir road that was already contaminated and useless



Sent from my iPhone





# Feedback Form

**Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, V2A-5J9

Tel: 250-492-0237 / Email: [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca)

**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Angela laberge  
(please print)

Street Address: Pinetree way

Date: Oct. 9, 2023

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
**1313 Greyback Mountain Road — Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD, Plan 1190**

My comments / concerns are:

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- I do not support the proposed rezoning of the subject parcel.

Please provide any comments you wish the Board to consider.  
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This land needs to be preserved for wildlife and maybe recreational use such as hiking or mountain biking to compliment to Campbell Mountain trail systems. I am not in favour of large scale housing developments however larger parcel sized properties and homes make more sense in this area than industrial buildings with potential negative environmental impacts.

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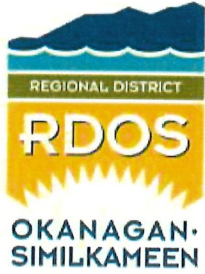
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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Karen and Darrell McClarty  
(please print)

Street Address: 11811 Vista Place Penticton

Date: October 10, 2023

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
**1313 Greyback Mountain Road — Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD, Plan 1190**

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We do not support the biosolids facility being built on Greyback Mountain Road.  
This is an unnecessary facility whereas biosolids could be directed to the facility west of  
Peachland.

Please listen to the residents of this community.

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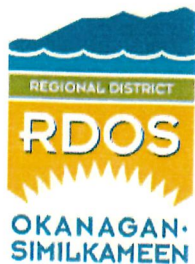
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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Peter and Colleen Rutherford  
(please print)

Street Address: Reservoir Road

Date: October 11, 2023

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
**1313 Greyback Mountain Road — Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD, Plan 1190**

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- 1) The Westbank First Nations have partnered a deal to compost at the former Brenda Mines site west of Peachland and invited all communities south to the US border and north to Vernon. Why is the RDOS not working with First Nations and using this site?
- 2) With rezoning and the development of a composting and/or biosolids disposal area there will be an increase in industrial traffic through a recreation area (Campbell Mountain) frequented by families with children. In addition Penticton City Council has recently approved a subdivision at 1530 Reservoir Road which is only accessed off Reservoir Road. Reservoir road has steep grades, blind corners and subject to inclement weather. What will be done to improve traffic safety in the area?
- 3) There is an abundance of wildlife in the area. Has an environmental impact study been completed and if so what will be the impact on wildlife in the immediate area?

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# STOP a beautiful 80 acre agricultural property on the Naramata Bench from becoming a Compost/Biosolids Waste Facility, PLEASE!

*Published by Jacquie Jackson on 13th Sep 2023*

A.

- The RDOS (Regional District of South Okanagan) purchased 80 acres of farmland at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road, Penticton BC in 2020.
- The RDOS applied to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to have 55 acres removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).
- The ALC denied the RDOS's application in 2021.
- The RDOS appealed the ALC's decision in 2022.
- The ALC denied the appeal in 2023.

B.

- Now the RDOS wants to rezone the non-ALR portion of 1313 Greyback Mountain Road (the remaining 25 acres) from 'Resource Area (RA)' to 'Resource Area Site Specific (RAs)'. The change, if adopted, would permit:
  1. A composting operation as a principal use and
  2. Public maintenance and works yard as an accessory use.
- If this First Phase goes through then:
  3. The RDOS wants to build a Biosolids (sewage sludge) facility on the property.
- These potential facilities would service a HUGE area requiring trucking from these destinations to the site forcing the large trucks to go through school zones, residential neighborhoods, and playgrounds emitting exhaust, emissions, and sewer odors all the way, both ways.
- The list of areas potentially served - Penticton, Keremeos, Cawston, Lower Similkameen, Rural Oliver, Skaha East, Okanagan Falls, Naramata, Greater West Bench, Rural Summerland, Okanagan Lake West, Rural Keremeos, Hedley, Olalla, Skaha West, Kaleden & Apex.
- In an Article dated August 16, 2016 from the Centre for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources (CSANR) (<https://csanr.wsu.edu/biosolids-benefits-risks/>): Paragraph #6. Caroline Snyder says: "August 18, 2016 at 7:19 pm. There is nothing "sustainable" about spreading biosolids on the land where we grow our food. This contaminated pollutant-rich mixture contains more than nutrients. As all the previous commentators have pointed out, it contains hundreds of persistent pollutants that accumulate in soil until the land is so polluted it can no longer grow most crops. This is not a potential scenario. It has already happened, e.g. in Augusta GA. For facts, rather than myths about the many risks linked to biosolids use, see <http://www.biosolidsfacts.org>".
- In that same Article dated August 16, 2016: Paragraph #10. Don Vincent says: "July 9, 2018 at 9:18 am. It is so important to understand that sewer sludge aka biosolids is NOT just human excrement - it is a concentration of all domestic and industrial pollutants that go down drains and sewers. It has some good stuff in it, which plants can use, but a huge load of thousands of other contaminants. ... It is true that biosolids contain beneficial elements like phosphorus, nitrogen, organic matter and trace nutrients. But the benefits derived from introducing those components to the soil via biosolids are by far overshadowed by the detrimental effects of toxins and pollutants that comprise the vast majority of the biosolids content."



C.

- These 25 acres are home to diverse and fragile wildlife, including plants, reptiles, and mammals, many of which are endangered/threatened. "The South Okanagan Valley is one of the 4 most endangered ecosystems in Canada" and, in general, we are "the region with the most endangered, threatened and rare species in the province. The South Okanagan is home to 30 percent of BC's Red-listed wildlife species, and 46 percent of the province's Blue-listed species".

- Among MANY others, the land in question is home to:

1. The Greyback Elk Herd, numbering approximately 250, calves on this very spot every spring.
2. The California Bighorn Sheep no longer occurs in many areas of the Okanagan because of degradation of habitat, changes in predation mortality, and historical over-harvest by legal or illegal hunting. Land development is just one of many factors that have limited access for the sheep to forage for plants. Sheep survival depends on familiarity with their habitat and they are slow to re-occupy vacant habitats.
3. The Northern Pacific Rattlesnake is only found in BC and is one of only three remaining rattlesnake species in Canada.

D.

- These 25 acres have their downstream watershed/riparian area to the east which serves as a crucial source of water for sustaining agriculture, wildlife, and human consumption for the surrounding properties.
- With 3 drinking water wells located directly downstream and within the same aquifer, the facility's potential discharge and runoff have a high likelihood of introducing harmful pollutants and toxins into the immediate area, posing a severe risk to the overall water quality.
- This could result in detrimental consequences for both human health and other diverse lifeforms that depend on this riparian area.

Many, MANY people are opposed to this application by the RDOS. To "join the fight", PLEASE sign this petition and SHARE it with everyone in your network. ACT NOW! Together, we can make a difference.

We, the undersigned, oppose the application by the RDOS (Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen) to re-zone 1313 Greyback Mountain Road, Penticton BC from 'Resource Area (RA)' to 'Resource Area Site Specific (RAS)' to put a stop to the building of a compost facility, public maintenance and works yard and a biosolids (sewage sludge) facility.

* Title	First name	Last name	Email	Address	City	State	Postcode	Region	Date
1	Jacquie	Jackson	[REDACTED]	Falconridge Drive	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
2	Alix	MacDonald	[REDACTED]	Spiller Road	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
We do not need to destroy prime agriculture land that is home to so many endangered species. These facilities would be seen across the valley and would be a blight on the beautiful Naramata Bench.									
3			[REDACTED]	Inetree Way,	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
4	Mr	Marc	[REDACTED]	Hubbard Road	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
There has been two previous attempts to redone this parcel of land and has been turned down, the values of this agricultural land has not changed and this new application should also be turned down									
5	Mr.	George	[REDACTED]	Nidderly	Pentiction	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
No means No!									
6			[REDACTED]	Spiller rd	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
7	Lana	Schulze	[REDACTED]	Falconridge Dr	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8t4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
8	Mr	Gary	[REDACTED]	Upper Bench Road N	Pentiction	British Columbia	V2A8V2	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
RDOS out of control. Think they can do whatever they want. Save the ALR.									
9	Mrs.	Michele	[REDACTED]	Inetree Way	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
10	Mr.	Chris	[REDACTED]	Inetree Way	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
11		Gjoa	[REDACTED]	Poplar Grove Road	Pentiction	British Columbia	V2A 8T6	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
This is a gorgeous piece of agricultural land. Having biosolids shipped from 8 different RDOS districts will increase the traffic on this tiny, road that will spill down onto reservoir road, upper bench and Vancouver Avenue. Given all the development on Naramata Road, and the large, construction vehicles already on Naramata Rd, this will just be another strike against our area. Hardly the thing an agritourism area needs at the beginning of the Naramata Bench. While I feel that a compost facility is a good idea, given this is the calving ground for the last herd of Elk in the region, it is not the right spot. The RDOS should be more open about what is happening with this facility. Even the Mayor of Pentiction appears to be in the dark given his recent speech at the Reservoir Road development hearing on Sep 12/23. Lets have transparency from our elected officials and let the public participate in decisions that impact where they live.									
12	Mrs	Jordan	Lacrix	[REDACTED]	Vista Place	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
13	Mr	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Vista Place	BC	V2A 9T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
14	Mr.	Chad	Nidderly	[REDACTED]	Greyback Mountain Road	BC	V2A8B3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
15	Jim	Jackson	[REDACTED]	Falcon Ridge Drive	Pentiction	BC	V2A8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
16	mrs	angela	Laberge	[REDACTED]	pinetree way	BC	V2A 8t4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
17	Mr	Phil	Gurtin	[REDACTED]	Falconridge Drive	BC	V2A8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
I'm totally opposed to this project as it's been proposed. The end product from your process does not meet the basic requirements of a healthy organic compost process. Your sewage waste addition is loaded with pharmaceuticals, heavy metals and many other poisonous compounds. Get real.									
18	Mr	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Vista Place	British Columbia	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
19	Mrs	Loth	Gurtin	[REDACTED]	Falconridge drive	British Columbia	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
20	Dave	Laberge	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	pinetree way	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
21	Mr.	Brent	Ehlers	[REDACTED]	okanagan ave e	bc	V2A 3K7	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
22	ms	Bailee	Hainstock	[REDACTED]	okanagan ave e	bc	V2A 3K7	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
23		Fam	Willis	[REDACTED]	SPILLER RD	PENTICTON	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 16, 2023
24	Grant	Willis	[REDACTED]	Spiller Road	Pentiction	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 16, 2023
This has been an illogical proposal from the beginning. The RDOS stated they had no alternative sites for composting. The Kruger family offered a site in Maroon valley and for no apparent reason this was turned down. This site would have been more centrally located on safer roads and lower operating costs. You need to explain yourself better to the electorate. The discussion about both the landfill and the composting site, and how they are linked needs to be part of an open discussion if you expect support.									

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25	Mr	Ryan	McNichol	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Pinetree way	Penticton	Bc	V2A 8T4		Sep 18, 2023
26	Mrs.	Tammy	Hansel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Spiller Rd.	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
27	Mr.	Eric	Hansel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Spiller Rd.	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
28		Roman	Hansel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Spiller Rd	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
29		Sydney	Hansel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Spiller Rd	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
30		Toni	Albert	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Falconridge Drive	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
31		Kevin	Albert	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Falconridge Drive	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
32		Karen	McClarty	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Vista Place	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4		Sep 18, 2023
33		Darrell	McClarty	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Vista Place	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4		Sep 18, 2023
34	Ms	Teresa	Ehlers	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] upperbench road S	Penticton	bc	V2A 8S9	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
35	Mr.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Bonnington Rd	Bonnington	BC	V0G2G3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
36		Ryan	mullin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Lisbon St,	Ottawa	ON	K4A 4B9	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
37	Ms.	Elaine	Price	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Greyback Mountain Road	Penticton	bc	V2A6J6	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
I feel the RDOS is trying to circumvent the approval process they lost in 2021 & 2023. Were all the stakeholders made aware of this current intended use when we voiced our concerns in 2020? No otherwise it would have been denied along with the original request.										
38		John	Bilodeau	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Poplar Grove Rd	Penticton	BC	V2A8T6	Canada	Sep 19, 2023
No Means No!										
39	Ms	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Yorkton Ave	Penticton	BC	V2A 6Z8		Sep 20, 2023
40		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Penticton	BC		Canada	Sep 20, 2023
41	Mr	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] industrial Ave	Penticton	Bc	V2A2V6	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
I bike on Campbell mountain and it is already stinky and inhibited enough by the landfill. What is with Penticton and putting dumps on our nicest land?										
42	Ms	Gertie	Bews	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Cossar Avenue	Penticton	BC	V2A 2V3	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
Please save our pristine area from development										
43	Mr	Sonny	Mohr	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Lakeshore	Penticton	Canada	V2A 1b9		Sep 20, 2023
44		Susan	Steadman	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] McPhee Road	Naramata	British Columbia	V0H 1N1	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
45	Mister	Michael	Landrock	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] McPhee Road	Naramata	B.C.	V0H1N1	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
Tired of seeing all our beautiful once fruit tree laden lands filled with booze grapes and this kind of crap...literally. I am positive there exists way more suitable land for a purpose like this. Imagine the stench in the summer all the people above and below will smell. maybe build it near the RDOS offices instead or their employees homes, just saying!!										
46		j	Nichols	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Penticton	bc		Canada	Sep 20, 2023
I'm lending my name to this petition in opposition of this proposal.										
47	Miss	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] matson place	Penticton	BC	V2A 2P3		Sep 20, 2023
48		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Kno	Castlegar	BC		Canada	Sep 21, 2023
49	Miss	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Westminster Ave E	Penticton	BC	V2A 7P1	Canada	Sep 21, 2023
50	Mr	James	Thumm	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Spiller rd	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 22, 2023
51	Mrs	Denise	Thumm	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Spiller Road	Penticton	British Columbia	V0N3A8	Canada	Sep 22, 2023
52		Dawn	Lennie	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Naramata	British Columbia	V0H1N1	Canada	Sep 23, 2023
53		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Poplar Grove Rd	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T6	Canada	Sep 23, 2023
This needs to be put into an area off a highway or industrial location. This location would take all the trucks through a residential area in Penticton.										
54	Ms	Michelle	Liota	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] woodlands pl	Penticton	BC - British Columbia	V2A 3B3	Canada	Sep 24, 2023
Stop destroying the areas that bring people to the South Okanagan. We don't need more housing. Growing is not mandatory to thrive.										
55	Mrs	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Smethurst Road,	Naramata	BC	V0H 1N1	Canada	Sep 24, 2023
56	Mr	Coleman	Jackson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Range Road 234	Alix	Alberta	T0C0B0	Canada	Sep 24, 2023

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57		Emily	Yeoman		16st se	Calgary	Alberta	T2G3S3	Canada	Sep 25, 2023
58	Ms	Deleenia	Brown		Vista Place	Penticton	BC		Canada	Sep 25, 2023
59		Eleanor	Papp			Penticton	British Columbia		Canada	Sep 25, 2023
60	Mr.	Richard	Da Silva		Naramata Road	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 25, 2023
this is incredibly irresponsible. It is time the RDOS and the City of Penticton make plans to find another site for our landfill/biosolids facility. this is not only a massive eye sore with the city promoting active development around the whole site...this has now contaminated a number of down slope properties that have been kept under wraps. This also needs to come out as to the current contamination of the down slope properties. We need a new and better solution to this growing environmental disaster.										
61	Mrs.	Kisha	Spain		Pinetree Way	Penticton	BC		Canada	Sep 26, 2023
62	ms	Ellen	Saenger		Falconridge Drive	Penticton	BC		Canada	Sep 26, 2023
63	Ms.	Spence	Dagneau		Spiller Rd	Penticton	BC	V1Y 8T3	Canada	Sep 26, 2023
64	Ms					Summerland	Bc		Canada	Sep 26, 2023
65					Spiller Road	Penticton	BC - British Columbia	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 26, 2023
This sounds awful. Keep this away from here. Actually, take the dump (which should have moved already) and this somewhere else - maybe as far away as all the places that want to send their sludge here.										
66					Spiller Road	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 26, 2023
This sounds awful. Smelly, awful, horrible traffic PLUS taking the elks' calving grounds away. Shameful.										
67						Penticton	BC	V2A 3Y9		Sep 26, 2023
68		Barely	Davidson		Upper Bench N	Penticton	Bc	V2a8v2		Sep 27, 2023
69					Naramata Road	Penticton	BC	V2A 8V1		Sep 27, 2023
These potential facilities would service a HUGE area requiring trucking from these destinations to the site forcing the large trucks to go through school zones, residential neighborhoods, agri-tourism area, vineyards, and playgrounds emitting exhaust (there is a steep road uphill on Reservoir Rd), emissions, and sewer odors all the way, both ways. These 25 acres have their downstream watershed/riparian area to the east which serves as a crucial source of water for sustaining agriculture, wildlife, and human consumption for the surrounding properties. The "Biosolids" facility should be close to a highway.										
70					Whitdale rd	Penticton	BC	V2A 0E2	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
71		Cassi	Petersen		Spiller Rd	Penticton	Bc	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
72	Mr	Jordy	Ydse		Spiller Road	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
73	Mr	Troy	Fader		Spiller Rd	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
74		George	McLean		SPILLER ROAD	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
75					Spiller Rd	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
I am not in favor of the Biosolids. I AM in favor of the development that was going to be put behind us. We are NOT Naramata Bench, we are still in Penticton. Naramata is developing all over the place, they should have nothing to do with our area.										
76		Casey	Conway			Penticton	Bc			Sep 27, 2023
77	Mrs	Val	Gronowski		Spiller Road	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 28, 2023
78	mr	jesper	work		spiller rd	penticton	bc	v2a8t3	Canada	Sep 28, 2023
already developing triple density subdivision at bottom of road. Greedy council members & Mayor seem to have some interest that they will not specify. The last council meeting was egregiously dismissive of the community local and general.										
79	Miss	Christine	Weeks		Waterford Ave	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A3t8	Canada	Sep 28, 2023
80	Ms	Victoria	Kryzanowski		VanHornestreet	Penticton	Bc	V2A4K4		Sep 28, 2023
81	Mrs	Margo	Boult		Pinetree Way, Penticton, BC V2A 8T4				Canada	Sep 30, 2023
82	Ms	Dana	Coates-Work		Spiller Rd	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 30, 2023
83	Mrs	Lorraine	Nagy		Spiller Road	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T3		Oct 01, 2023
84	Mr	Andrew	Drouin		Braid Street	Penticton	BC	V2A4Y6	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
More sludge-waste on clean soil is the last thing that Penticton needs!										
85		Mikos	Lambropoulos		Skaha Lake Road	Penticton	Bc	V2a 6G4		Oct 01, 2023

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86					Naramata Road	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T8	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
87	Ms	Colleen	Van Loon			Penticton	BC	V2A7K3	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
	Please don't destroy this land building these facilities.									
88	Ms	Jo	Nichols		penticton	penticton	bc	v2a	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
	NO STANK YOU! Already difficult to stomach the stench on the bench.									
89	Ms.				Atkinson St. 306	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 7M6	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
90		Chad	Gentes		Cambie st	Penticton	BC	V2a4g8	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
91	Ms					Penticton	BC			Oct 01, 2023
	The toxicity of these sites alone, should be a hard no.									
92		Louise	Blais		Sinclair Rd	Summerland	British Columbia	V0H 1Z8	Canada	Oct 02, 2023
93	Mr				SPILLER ROAD	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Oct 02, 2023
94	Mr				Winnipeg Street	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 5N3		Oct 02, 2023
95	Mr				Reservoir Road	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T3	Canada	Oct 02, 2023
	In addition to the comments listed there is a major safety issue with the increase in large industrial trucks on Reservoir Road. These trucks are travelling at high speed in an area where there are many individuals with their children accessing the Cambel Mountain trail system. These trucks have reduced braking and cornering compared to a motor vehicle. With the blind corners, weather conditions and the steep grades associated with Reservoir Road there is high potential for a serious accident with increased industrial use in a recreation area.									
96	Mr.	Cameron	Morrell		Falconridge Drive	Penticton	BC		Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	I support the creation of a bio solids facility, but NOT at this location. A new location should be found for both the landfill and a bio solids/composting facility. This new location should be inland, away from existing agriculture and the lakes. By choosing Greyback Mountain as a location for bio-solids, you will institutionalize garbage processing at this mountain location for generations, instead of adhering to the landfill's projected closing date. Expanding Greyback's role as a trash centre would be bad policy and will lead to increased degradation of the Naramata Bench, our farms, and our waterways. Please consider the landfill and biosolids facility as one problem that needs solving. That means removing all garbage facilities from Greyback and moving them to a more remote location inland. If that were done, you could restore the landfill to rolling parkland for walkers, cyclists, and city dwellers.: a win-win for all.									
97	Miss	Meghan	McLaren			Penticton	BC, Canada		Canada	Oct 03, 2023
98		Jan	Morris		derenzy pl	Penticton	BC	V2A 8W7		Oct 03, 2023
99	Mr	Steve	Boultbee		spill	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T3	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
100		Lori	Goldman		Dauphin Ave	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 3S3	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
101	Mrs.	Colleen	Rutherford		Reservoir Road	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
102	Mr.	Albert ( Bert )	O'Brien		Sundance Drive	WEST KELOWNA	BC	V4T 1S4	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	Bio-solids are an immensley overlooked component of bio hazard waste in many forms such as fertilizer production. I have never heard of an applicant show how they will eliminate the heavy metals such as lead, cadmiun, pharماسuticals etc.									
103						Lake Country	BC		Canada	Oct 03, 2023
104	Mrs				Merganser Place	Oliver	British Columbia	V0H1T2	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	At a threat to the environment/ecology of the area & increased dangerous traffic, I say absolutely not.									
105	ms	Brenda	Blatz		SECERST AVE	PENTICTON	BRITISH COLUMBIA	V2A 3R1	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
106		HERB	CATTEE		Falcon ridge Drive	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T4	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	SURELY CAN FIND A BETTER LOCATION									
107	Mr.	Duncan	McCowan		Naramata Rd	Penticton, BC	BC.	V2A 8T6	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
108	Mr				Kilwinning Street	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A4P3	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
	The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has stated that this is not a good location for this compost facility. After the ALC denied the RDOS request and then denied the appeal of RDOS, the RDOS has decided its experts are better than the ones with the ALC. This will do harm to the Greyback Elk Herd and harm the surrounding area. Find another location.									
109		Nicole	Hackworth		Bmethurst Road	Naramata	BC	V0H 1N0		Oct 04, 2023
	I disagree with a biodolids facility on this environmentally sensitive air land. Uphill from agricultural lands and on calving area's historically used by elk herds. There is a better place to home this waste facility than this area here.									

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110	Mrs				Sutherland Road	Penticton	Canada	V2A 8T8		Oct 04, 2023
111						Penticton	BC		Canada	Oct 04, 2023
Careless use of land that holds a great deal of animal welfare within it. Interesting how nothing has been in the media about it until now.										
112						Naramata	BC		Canada	Oct 04, 2023
113	Ms	Kirsten	Robertson		North Naramata Rd	Naramata	BC	V0H1N1	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
Please do not destroy this incredible natural space we are so fortunate to be able to access so close to town. I am 100% against destroying this important wildlife habitat. I am 100% against increasing large truck traffic up Reservoir Road. I lived on McMillan Ave for 14 years and the amount of truck traffic has increased significantly and has become very loud and dangerous. Part of the reason we moved. I am 100% against poisoning this land and the surrounding area with toxic bio-solids and stinky compost. This type of facility belongs in an Industrial zoned area, not in a fragile wildlife habitat. Please, do the right thing and protect this Penticton gem for future generations!										
114	Mrs.	Julia	Valenti		Veteran Dr.	Penticton	B.C.	V2A 8Y2	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
115	Mr	Les	Dewar		62nd Ave	Osoyoos	BC	V0H 1V1	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
116		Gail	Bazen			Penticton	BC	V2A 8K8		Oct 04, 2023
117	Ms	D'Arcie	Knoll			Penticton	BC	V2A 7C5	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
118	Mr	Tyson	Archer		Naramata Rd	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3		Oct 04, 2023
119						Penticton	Bc			Oct 04, 2023
120	Mr	Gavin	Miller		Upper Bnech Road S	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T1	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
Very worried about this and the effect on traffic and our crops										
121	Mrs.	Deborah	Webb			Penticton	BC	V2A8X9	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
The land proposed for composting use is calving grounds for Greyback Elk Herd plus home to California Bighorn sheep. Leave the animals' habitat alone. Also, too close to human usage of Campbell mounts. Trail Network fir large hauling trucks to be using the road to this piece of land to haul organic compost from all the Electoral Areas B DE F G H I plus Penticton and Keremeos. Find another location!										
122	Ms	Lauren J	Cornish		Lakeside Court	Penticton	BC	V2A 8W7	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
123		doug	Mathias		Smethurst Rd	Naramata	BC	V0H 1N1		Oct 05, 2023
elk range, nuisance and hazardous heavy-truck traffic, soil-poisoning biosolids. What more do you need? I've used the compost from the existing facility from time to time to plant commercial fruit trees with the proviso that only a small amount be used due to high salts concentrations and traces of heavy metals being possible. Not sustainable to apply long-term. Perhaps if there was still an Agricultural Advisory Committee in the City of Penticton (discontinued during covid), the City at least could be cognizant of this. In the 60s, the City of Milwaukee sold a biosoloid fertilizer throughout N. America called Milorganite. It didn't go away because they ran out of "biosolids". For the RDOS to even consider trucking biosolids (read "everybody's shit-and-who-knows-what-else") through the centre of town is grossly irresponsible at best and verging on a breach of fiduciary duty at worst. I would invite the RDOS to publish the carbon-footprint analysis portion of their cost-benefit study. I'm sure it would be interesting reading.										
124	Mrs.	Rebecca	Kelly		Warren Avenue W	Penticton	BC	V2A3N2	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
125	miss	Leah	North		Okanagan Falls BC Canada	Okanagan Falls	BC	V0H1R1	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
We need agriculture land to remain to its purpose!!! Grow food , keep livestock do both but no compost site needs to use this land !!!! Nor do we need another vineyard!!!										
126		Dan	North			Whitehorse	Yukon		Canada	Oct 05, 2023
127		Shana	Miller		Upper Bench Road South	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T1	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
128					Wyles Crescent	Penticton	BC	V2A 8M3	Canada	Oct 05, 2023



Jesper Work

## Impact Statement Regarding the New Recycling & Bio-Waste Facility:

1 message

Jesper Work &lt;

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 6:40 PM

1. **Fire Hazard:** The establishment of this facility, with its increased industrial activity undeniably heightens the risk of devastating fires.
2. **Road Deterioration:** The dire state of Spiller Road around the landfill is an issue that cannot be ignored and rural roads cannot handle the traffic.
3. **Toxic Spills:** Disturbing reports of toxic spills on local roads have exposed irresponsible waste management practices by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS). Their refusal to take responsibility for incoming transport trucks is a red flag.
4. **New Residential Subdivision:** The recent approval of a new residential subdivision near Greyback Mountain warrants a thorough and impartial environmental and traffic impact assessment. This assessment must carefully consider both current and potentially tripled population estimates, as well as geological instability, such as fault lines and recent landslides. The lead engineer's dismissal of the environmental impact of concurrent development raises concerns about the RDOS's commitment to evaluating the implications of these simultaneous projects.
5. **Community Resistance:** A significant portion of our community vehemently opposes the facility due to concerns that it will compromise our rural lifestyle and the natural beauty of our surroundings. This opposition underscores a clear disconnect between the project's proponents and the residents who will be most affected.
6. **Aesthetic Concerns:** The proposed industrial cement building design is not in harmony with the natural beauty of our surroundings. We consider detrimental to our environment.

In summary, these concerns demand thorough reconsideration of the current plans for the Recycling & Bio-Waste Facility. We implore you to take immediate action to address these pressing issues to ensure the safety, well-being, and environmental integrity of our local area.

1185 Spiller Rd Penticton (Above Waste Facility)

Jesper Work (6)  
Dana Coates-Work (6)





Adrienne Fedrigo  
RDOS Electoral Area E Director  
Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS)  
101 Martin Street  
Penticton, BC, V2A 5J9

Cc'd  
Andrew Reeder  
RDOS Manager of Solid Waste

August 4th, 2023

Subject: Formal Complaint Regarding Proposed Organics Waste Processing Facility

Dear Director Fedrigo,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere concerns about the proposed organics waste processing facility and its potential impacts on both wildlife, particularly the local elk herd, and the water quality of our precious watershed.

First and foremost, I would like to emphasize my appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) in trying to address waste management issues responsibly. I believe that sustainable waste management is critical for the well-being of our community and environment and diverting up to 40% of the waste stream is a substantial volume, albeit perhaps optimistic. However, I firmly believe that the location and operation of the proposed organics waste processing facility must be carefully reevaluated to ensure the preservation of our natural assets.

As we are all aware, this area is home to diverse and fragile wildlife, including a significant local elk herd. The elk herd is an integral part of our ecosystem, and any disturbances to their habitat could have far-reaching consequences. The proposed facility's proximity to their habitat raises serious concerns about potential disturbances, noise pollution, and disruption of essential migration routes. These disturbances may adversely affect the elk's breeding patterns, foraging behavior, and overall well-being. As responsible stewards of the land, it is imperative for us to safeguard the natural habitats of these magnificent creatures.

Furthermore, the impact of the proposed organics waste processing facility on our watershed is a matter of utmost concern. The downstream watershed/riparian area to the east of the proposed facility serves as a crucial source of water for sustaining agriculture, wildlife, and human consumption for the surrounding properties. With 3 drinking water wells located directly downstream and within that very same aquifer, the facility's potential discharge and runoff have a high likelihood of introducing harmful pollutants and toxins into the immediate area, posing a severe risk to the overall water quality. This could result in detrimental consequences for both human health and the diverse aquatic and terrestrial life that depends on this riparian area. The attached environmental impact assessment (EIA) was completed in 2018 (site visit in Fall 2017, report finalized in 2019) for the purpose of rezoning the property located at 1362 Greyback Mountain Rd with the RDOS. The RDOS does have a copy of this EIA on file from that successful rezoning application. There are 3 key items to highlight within this EIA:

- 1) "...While a Riparian Area Regulation (RAR) assessment is likely unnecessary [for 1362 Greyback Mt. Rd.], this does not mean that water or groundwater resources are not present. Full consideration of these potential resources has not occurred (i.e., we have assessed and determined that the RAR does not apply [to 1362 Greyback Mt. Rd.], but have included a 15 m setback regardless to accommodate a lack of full investigation into the ephemeral watercourse"
- 2) "...The release of silt, sediment, sediment-laden water, raw concrete, concrete leachate, or any other deleterious substances into any drainage, gully, or storm water system must be prevented at all times. Given the proximity to the City of Penticton's drinking water reservoir, this is critically important."
- 3) The area in question is shown in the Environmental Sensitivity Analysis map as a 'No Disturb Zone' and identified as a ESA Level 2 area.

It is my understanding that historically the Campbell Mountain Landfill has already impacted surrounding properties with irreversible damage to the groundwater table. For example, the property located at 1655 Reservoir Rd. was previously owned by the Kryzanowski family, and was purchased primarily due to the impacts of the landfill having detrimental impacts to the groundwater table, and thus the property's drinking water.

Considering these concerns, I humbly request that the RDOS conducts a thorough and comprehensive EIA/RAR before proceeding any further with the development of the proposed organics waste facility. The environmental investigation should address potential risks to wildlife, watershed water quality, and explore alternative sites in order to minimize adverse and potentially irreversible impacts. Additionally, I kindly urge RDOS to engage with local first nations, community members, environmental experts, and wildlife biologists to gather a broader range of data, perspectives, and insights for this proposed project.

Regarding community engagement, I believe it's worth noting that the older generations often face unique challenges when it comes to accessing digital information and engaging with local government. If the RDOS is able to genuinely address these issues to gain real input from the surrounding property owners who are directly impacted, they can bridge the digital divide and ensure that all community members, including older generations, can participate actively in voicing their concerns with projects that directly impact their lives.

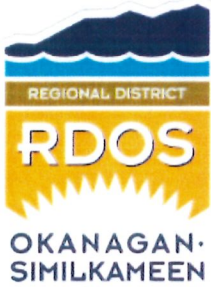
In conclusion, I strongly believe that the issues raised above must be proactively and fully addressed in order for the RDOS to genuinely demonstrate its commitment to the responsible and sustainable development of waste management facilities. Preserving our environment, safeguarding our wildlife, and maintaining the quality of our drinking water sources are vital responsibilities that we must uphold for the well-being of current and future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving updates on the progress made towards addressing these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

George Nidderly  
1362 Greyback Mt. Rd.  
Penticton, BC V2A 8T3





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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Phil Guertin  
(please print)

Street Address: Falconridge Drive

Date: October 11th

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
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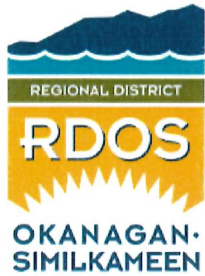
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- 1) I'm against rezoning farm lands
- 2) I'm concerned about the impact to our wildlife species in this area
- 3) I'm concerned with the traffic, noise and environmental pollution that will result
- 4) I'm concerned for property values in the affected areas
- 5) Has an environmental impact study and assessment been undertaken yet
- 6) Has a business plan been presented with operating costs, revenues, infrastructure costs
- 7) Has an independent Bio Solids expert been hired
- 8) Are there other potential sites that have been evaluated, if so where, what was the process
- 9) Are there other competing technologies that could or should be pursued instead
- 10) What are your contingency plans if this project is approved and is a failure- plan B?

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Street Address: Yaramata Road, Penticton, V2A 8V1

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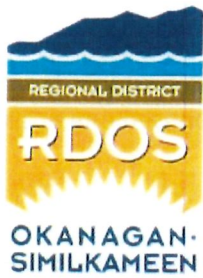
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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Alix MacDonald  
(please print)

Street Address: Spiller Road, Penticton BC, V2A 8T3

Date: October 11, 2023

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## RDOS BOARD MEMBERS

October 11, 202

I am not opposed, in general, to a composting/biosolids facility. I **am opposed** to locating the proposed one at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road.

Please live up to the RDOS Vision and Mission Statement:

Vision: *"We envision the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen as a steward of our environment, sustaining a diverse and livable region that offers a high quality of life through good governance."*

Mission Statement: *"To initiate and implement policies which preserve and enhance the quality of life and serve the broader public interest in an effective, equitable, environmental and fiscally responsible manner."*

A facility such as the Campbell Mountain Landfill (CML) is, obviously, a necessary function of municipal and rural populations but it should no longer be where it is. In 1972, landowners in its vicinity were promised that after 20 years, it would be covered over, and a golf course would be installed. 51 years later, and 31 years after that promise, the CML is still there, and it is permitted to limp on despite its numerous, varied and highly detrimental issues. To be blunt, the lies started in 1972.

Clearly, the state of the CML and its history is an issue separate to the present proposal but the lines between the two are blurred; it is hard to look at what is proposed in isolation because it goes hand-in-hand with what exists. The currently proposed, two-phase composting and biosolids facility would be adjacent to the CML. The existing composting/biosolids operations at the CML would move across the road, effectively increasing CML's capacity and extending its life.

'Across the road' is 1313 Greyback Mountain Road (1313). Once a cattle farm, it is 80 acres in total, comprised of 55-acres in the ALR and another 25-acre piece. When 1313 came on the market, it was as a closed bid process. A party bid 1.6 million, planning to have an agri-tourism business there. When the process questionably somehow turned into an open bid one, they learned about the RDOS's bid and upped theirs to 1.7 million. Even with the high bid, they lost out as the RDOS then swooped in and expropriated it for 1.6 million. Altogether, this expenditure of public money was suspicious and perhaps a tactical move that was impulsive, misguided, and ill-judged.

Apparently, there was an exhaustive search for a composting location that revealed none other than 1313. This is disputable. The RDOS is pushing hard, claiming that 1313 is the most economical, simplest, and otherwise prudent location for composting facilities, that proximity to the CML operations is anticipated to save capital costs. There ARE other locations, some of which are below.

Options for consideration:

### 1) Primary Counter Proposal

- Using the facilities that The Westbank First Nations (WFN) very recently announced.
- The WFN is reaching out to other Districts from as far south as the US Border and north to Vernon to use their facilities.
- When their operation was announced, the WFN said that Directors from Regional Districts around the area were touring. Were ours?
- No capital costs required.
- These facilities are almost immediately available – the opening is slated for next month.
- Sell 1313 and dedicate those funds to those required to secure a new location for the CML.
- Opponents to this will decry the cost the environmental impact of hauling but efficiencies are possible.

### 2) Second Counter Proposal

- Explore the offer that Elizabeth Kruger, of Marron Valley, proposed as an alternate site.
- Capital costs may not change, but hauling would be less of a concern than in #1.

### 3) Third Counter Proposal

- If it MUST be near the CML, consider this - 1655 Reservoir Road is already owned by the RDOS. They bought it, with information sealed, from the previous residential owner because the land became too contaminated by the CML for habitation.
- A very small portion of this 6.093 acre property is currently used as an RDOS yard. The proposed compost/biosolid operation would require a total of approx. 5 acres.
- Placing it there would:
  - Make better use of an already 'condemned' space.
  - Leave 1313 largely natural and allow the known life species there to continue their existence.
  - Not threaten the water courses/sheds/catchments and ground pools on 1313, or the Penticton Water Reservoir to the east.
  - Be no capital cost for land and less costs required for road access since there is already a vehicle entry.
  - Somewhat alleviate traffic at the CML entrance as trucks with composting/sludge would turn left prior to the S-curve leading up to it. There is even space across the road from 1655 that could be used if there are lineups, thus alleviating blockage of Reservoir Road.
  - No conflict, other than travel up to 1655 Reservoir, with users of the public parking lot higher up (the corner of Spiller, Reservoir and Greyback Mountain Roads). This parking lot is extremely well used, often overflowing such that vehicles line Spiller and Greyback Mountain Roads.

It is known that grant money (\$10,984,380) will be available but only until March 2024 when a tender must be awarded and March 2025 when the project must be complete. A report by Andrew Reeder on July 6, 2023, indicates that capital costs, based on projections (we all know what happens with projected numbers) would be in the range of \$70 million without any infrastructure (road works, etc.) taken into account. Throwing \$5 million in to cover infrastructure, contingencies, and land acquisition, makes the grant an approximate 15% of the total.

Is the size of the grant worth enough to warrant spending it, in addition to the balance of the monies coming from the public purse (\$64 million?), *on a project at the wrong place?* And after spending 1.6 million for land that is yet deemed to be usable for the project? We deserve transparency and real consultancy about the allocation of our tax dollars.

The public information session and the public hearing were NOT made known to the public far enough in advance and the net cast was far too narrow. Methods of communication used were extremely limited with very short notice given. The information session was the day before the hearing. Who does that? And why? It almost seems as if the RDOS did not want anyone to know, thereby doing the absolute minimum required. What is the secrecy all about and why the rush? Had a larger portion of public known about both these meetings, I am sure more people would have been in attendance.

The information session should have been called, "The Public Vague Concept Presentation." Its lack of information and the subsequent confusion was exhausting. Well intentioned, very concerned people in attendance tried to get a grasp of the project but were unable to do so by the visuals posted and by the uninformed presenter. In addition to the presenter, there was a fellow 2 weeks into his job at the RDOS and the Area E Director who apparently said that she had never driven to the site and did not know where it was.

The visuals were vague and the presenter did not know about environmental concerns in the area, had no idea how the site would be accessed, seemed to have no historical knowledge pertinent to the area, claimed that traffic at the CML entrance would be reduced but did not have facts to back that up, claimed that there would be no impact to folks using the public parking lot that serves Campbell Mountain (how could it not?) and on and on it went. He also very flippantly provided non-answers such as throwing his arms up in the air while saying, "I'm just an engineer" or "I've only been here 3 years" but mentioned numerous times that he was instrumental in the building and design of the Glenmore Landfill in Kelowna as well as being involved in the Okanagan Falls one. When speaking to the public parking lot, he said, "we'll just move it." Really, to where? Why not 'just move' the composting? On top of the lack of information available, that

dismissive attitude was disrespectful and offense was taken. In that this was to be an INFORMATION session and in that it was held one day prior to a public hearing, it was discourteous to the public.

At the information session, we were referred to the RDOS Regional Connections website and told that questions submitted there would be promptly answered. As of today, the info session on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> is noted but nothing else seems to be current. Any questions, and corresponding answers, uploaded there are from “approx. 3 years ago”. I asked a question on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and it has yet to be answered there.

The public hearing was attended by a group of very passionate people, almost all of whom spoke. Everyone who spoke, and everyone in the room (indicated by a show of hands), were opposed to the project; 100% against. Contrary to what was expected, the meeting was not recorded by use of any ‘modern technology’ (video and/or sound recording). Rather, notes were taken by an RDSO staff member. Those notes are not available online as of this writing. I suppose we are expected to just trust the veracity and completeness of such notes. However they will eventually read, it is doubtful that the passion and frustration of those in attendance will be portrayed.

There are many reasons that there is opposition to this project, other than what is previously stated herein. Below are some, not all, and not in order of importance:

#### **1. Location**

- Trucks overheat in the summer and get stuck in the winter on Reservoir Road – particularly at the S-curve below the CML entrance.
- Reservoir Road is in a constant state of disrepair.
- Long lineups are common at the entrance to the CML. Traffic headed to the public parking lot, and to the proposed compost location past the entrance, will be stuck on the road waiting.
- The RDOS is stating that the long lineups will be eliminated when the new facilities go in at 1313. This is extremely doubtful as the lineups consist of other vehicles - cars, SUV’s, pick-up trucks, pick-up trucks with trailers, cube vans, commercial vehicles of all shapes and sizes, etc. – not just garbage/compost/sludge trucks.

#### **2. Campbell Mountain Recreation area**

- Campbell Mountain’s popular trail network is extremely well used for recreation. Walkers, hikers, bike riders and dog walkers enjoy it daily. This is in the immediate vicinity of the CML and 1313.
- The City of Penticton built a public parking lot at the corner of Reservoir, Spiller, and Greyback Mountain Roads to service those utilizing all that is offered on Campbell Mountain. This lot is extremely well used, often filled to capacity with overflow lining the adjacent roads. People accessing this parking lot do and will compete with compost and sludge trucks to get to it.
- People access the Campbell Mountain Trail network primarily from the public parking lot and secondarily from other road-based access points. The RDOS owning 1313 has no bearing on access to Campbell Mountain, contrary to their claims that this will ensure continued and uninterrupted access.

#### **3. Environment**

- Proper environmental studies have not been done.
- This is home to the Greyback Elk Herd (250 elk) and is the spot they calve each spring.
- This is home to approximately 40 California Big Horn Sheep who also claim it as their calving grounds each spring.
- The Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, which is only found in BC and is one of only three remaining rattlesnake species in Canada, will be displaced.
- The ALR comprises just 5% of BC’s total land base and is the area with the greatest agricultural capacity. Even though this project is aimed at 25 acres of non-ALR land, it is part of the overall 80 acres in which 55 acres are in the ALR. As a finite and valuable resource, we must protect this land.



- Sewage sludge trucks leak. Anyone who has had the misfortune of following one will have been lucky to only have witnessed leakage flowing onto the road. The nasty contents can and do get splashed onto vehicles which is disgusting and very difficult to remove.

A fellow who attended both the public information session and the public hearing stated that his family has farmed in this area since the 1950's. My grandparents arrived in this area much longer ago, in the 1920's. That was 100+/- years ago when Penticton was akin to a frontier town. It was so small that geographical distances seemed far greater. Some Pentictonites, including my grandparents, had summer cottages at "Dog Lake" (Skaha Lake) because it was so far from town! In 1972, when the Campbell Mountain Landfill (CML) was first established, it seemed remote, far and away out of town along and high up from the sleepy little orchard-lined road to the tiny village of Naramata. Since then, the area has grown substantially, so much so that the CML has seemingly become much closer to town, practically IN town. Who wants a dump close to town, with its smells wafting all over, with leachate and environmental issues downhill as far as Randall's Draw (and possibly Okanagan Lake), so visibly a scar on the Naramata Bench/eastern hillside and immediately beside a very well used recreation area? NO ONE.

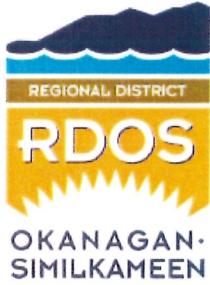
Why wait for 100 more years of leaching and polluting to a time when finding a new spot for the CML will be insanely more difficult than now? Maybe because politicians are involved, and they won't be around then? Maybe it is just because they don't really care so taking the 'easy way out' is the solution. It is hard not to be sarcastic when this whole thing seems such omnishambles. A lot of people do care, and they care a lot.

If you can spontaneously expropriate 80 acres at the tune of 1.6 million dollars, then surely you can find and purchase a new location for a landfill. All or most of the \$1.6 million could be recouped by selling 1313. A purchaser could then use it within the scope of the current ALR and zoning requirements. With the recouped funds, someone could be hired to be specifically tasked with the project, and some could go toward the purchase of a new property. It was once said that it would cost \$10-20 million to remediate the landfill yet you aim to spend approximately \$75 million to effectively enlarge it when it is decades past its due date. It was also once said that finding another location for the landfill would be almost impossible. 'Almost' is the key word here; nothing is impossible.

Why bandage the existing mess? It is like putting a small plaster on something that is hemorrhaging – an inadequate evasion of, and unmindful of, future consequences. This boondoggle was referred to at the hearing as a sow's ear, the kind that will never be a silk purse. Really, this poor sow's ear is grossly infected and is part of an animal already in its death throes.

Please, I beg of you, find a different location *now*, or pick one of the ones that are available *now*, for the composting facilities AND begin working on one *now* for a big, new, and improved landfill that is built properly and will not destroy the environment around it.

Alix MacDonald  
A Very Concerned Pentictonite



# Feedback Form

**Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, V2A-5J9

Tel: 250-492-0237 / Email: [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca)

**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Jim Jackson  
(please print)

Street Address: 1 Falconridge Drive Penticton BC

Date: October 11, 2023

**RE: Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24  
1313 Greyback Mountain Road — Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD, Plan 1190**

My comments / concerns are:

- I do support the proposed rezoning of the subject parcel.
- I do not support the proposed rezoning of the subject parcel.

Please provide any comments you wish the Board to consider.  
Written submissions will be considered by the Regional District Board  
prior to 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24.

~~There is not enough information to make an informed decision. The Presenter at the Information Meeting on Oct 4/23 was too vague and avoided answers. They do not know where the road to the facility is going to go. Stated they were supplying service to more areas but then stating there would be no more trucks on the narrow steep road. Long lineups blocking thru traffic due to backups at the scales which was one of the major pieces of infastructure that the RDOS stated they would share. Obviously when questioned about alternative sites we were told there was nothing available in BC yet the next day it was on Castanet News that the Westbank First Nations was in partnership with the Brenda Mine and is having an open house and already have their operation up and running and looking for other jurisdictions that need this service. If the RDOS didn't know about it they should have in their position. The RDOS couldn't even give a guess on the heighth of the facility that you are going to see across the valley. The agricultural land should never be used for anything but agriculture as there is so little of it.~~

Feedback Forms must be completed and returned to the Regional District prior to noon on the day of the applicable Regional District Board meeting.

## Kerri-Lynn Grell

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**From:** Chad Nidderly  
**Sent:** October 11, 2023 10:51 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Penticton BIOSOLIDS Waste Facility Feedback - Chad Nidderly

Some people who received this message don't often get email from

[why this is important](#)

Hello,

When a biosolids facility is situated in close proximity to a city or urban area, it can trigger several significant concerns among the local population, including myself. These concerns often encompass environmental, health, social, and economic aspects. Here are some specific concerns associated with the proposed biosolids facility located in Penticton:

1. **Odor and Air Quality Issues:** Biosolids facilities will emit unpleasant odors due to the decomposition of organic matter. Penticton residents worry about foul smells affecting the air quality in nearby neighborhoods, potentially impacting respiratory health and overall well-being. As the area grows in population (ex. Spiller Road, Greyback Mountain Road) with new subdivisions being planned, this would put a complete halt to any upcoming development plans. I think everyone can agree (including RDOS staff) that this would be nauseating for anyone living remotely close to this facility.
2. **Health and Safety Risks:** Concerns regarding potential health risks arise due to exposure to pathogens, bacteria, heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, and other contaminants that may be present in biosolids. Penticton residents fear that these substances could pose health threats to the community through air, water, or soil contamination much further than the Penticton landfill already has.
3. **Water Contamination and Runoff:** Residents are apprehensive about the potential contamination of nearby water bodies, including rivers, lakes, or groundwater, through leaching or runoff from the biosolids facility. Water pollution could have far-reaching consequences on aquatic life and the community's access to safe drinking water, especially with Penticton's water reservoir within less than a kilometer to the facility.
4. **Impact on Property Values:** Homeowners worry that the presence of a biosolids facility will most definitely decrease property values and deter potential buyers, impacting the real estate market and affecting their investments. Ultimately, this would end any future development for homes in the neighboring area. There is already a very lack of space for new residents to build or buy except in this area.
5. **Noise Pollution and Disruptions:** Operations at the biosolids facility, including machinery, transportation, and processing, will generate high levels of noise, disrupting the peace and tranquility of the surrounding urban areas. Concerns about noise pollution and its potential effects on residents' daily lives and well-being are prevalent. Additionally, any and all wildlife that may pass through these hills, including the 150+ elk herd, will greatly be disrupted.

6. **Aesthetic and Environmental Concerns:** Penticton residents express concerns about the facility's visual impact on the environment, affecting the scenic beauty of the area and the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood. The presence of industrial structures will alter the character of the landscape.
7. **Community Engagement and Transparency:** Penticton residents, especially people that live within this area, have MAJOR concerns about inadequate community involvement and lack of transparent communication from the biosolids facility that have led to complete mistrust. Residents have advocated for active engagement, information dissemination, and inclusive decision-making processes. None of which we have witnessed thus far.
8. **Traffic Congestion and Safety:** This is a major issue for all of Penticton, surrounding towns, AND TOURISTS! The increased traffic due to transportation of biosolids to and from the facility will lead to traffic congestion, safety hazards, odor issues, increased potential accidents (more people are riding bikes than driving in summer), and potential damage to local roads. Residents fear the strain on infrastructure and the associated risks. How can anyone in a city, built on tourism, want large trucks rolling through town nonstop, side to side, to head up the same roads that host thousands of tourists to enjoy wine country?

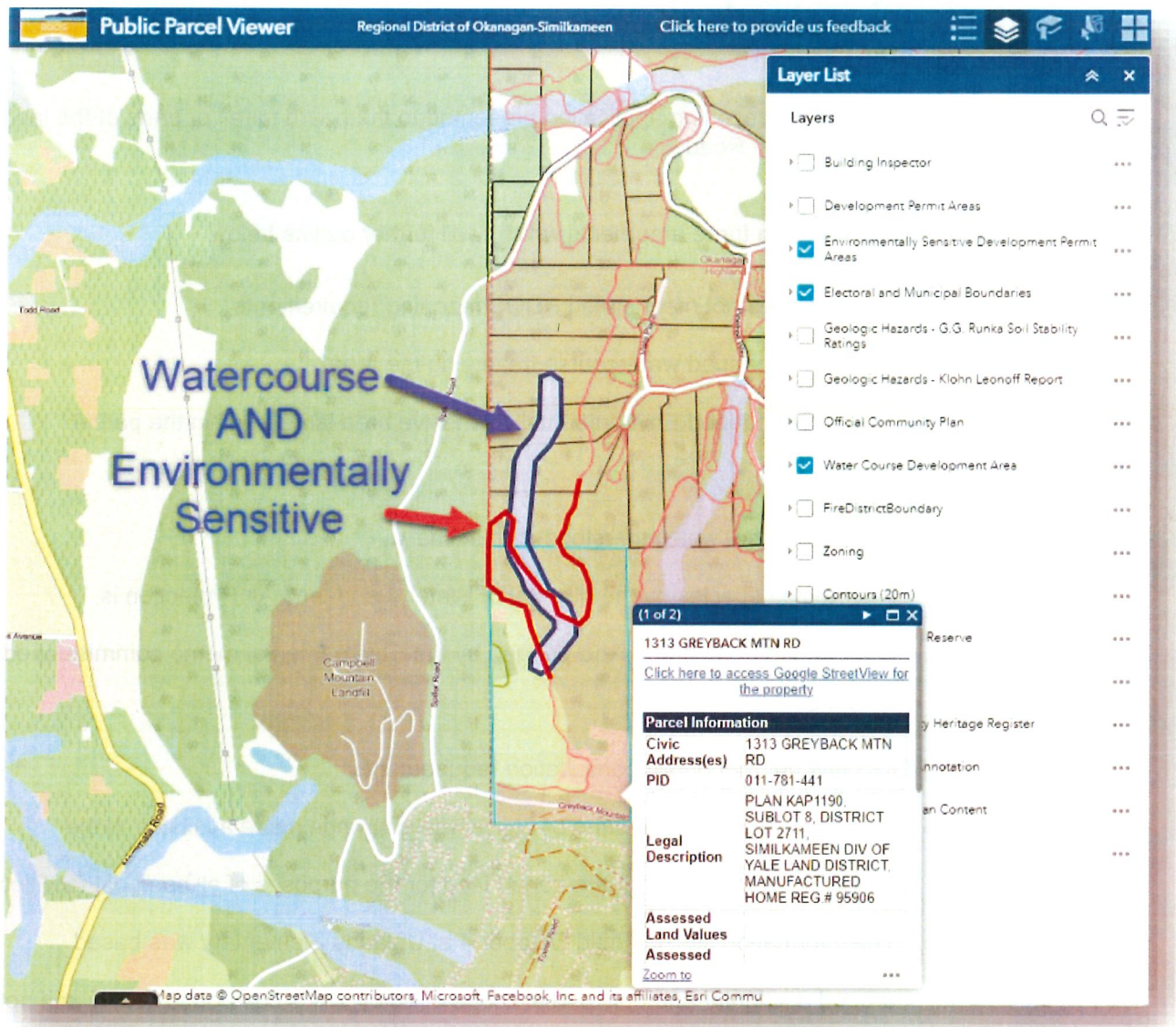
In conclusion, the concerns surrounding the proximity of a biosolids facility to the proposed location are rooted in the potential environmental, health, social, and economic repercussions for the neighboring community. The unease regarding odor and air quality, health risks, water contamination, property devaluation, noise pollution, and lack of community engagement is valid and must not be dismissed. Effective and transparent communication between facility operators and the community, adherence to stringent regulations, deployment of advanced odor control technologies, and proactive measures to mitigate environmental impacts are paramount, and have not been met.

Balancing the essential role of biosolids facilities in waste management with the well-being and concerns of the community necessitates a delicate equilibrium. It calls for continued dialogue, collaborative decision-making, and a commitment to sustainable practices that prioritize both public health and the environment. Ultimately, addressing these concerns holistically will foster a more harmonious coexistence between biosolids facilities and the urban communities they serve, ensuring a safer and healthier living environment for all. However, during this proposal, RDOS has not shown this neighborhood, community, or anyone who has requested information, ANY honesty in what they are trying to get approved. Not one single staff member at RDOS can possibly believe that THIS is the answer. If they do, they do not live in the nicest city in the Okanagan Valley, Penticton.

Thanks,

Chad

# 1313 Greyback Mountain Road Opposition to Rezoning



## RDOS - Compost Rezoning Application

Poor public consultation on land impacting protected species in a sensitive area

Submitted by Grant Willis, resident of Spiller Road  
October 11, 2023

# Opposition to 1313 rezoning on the grounds of not meeting its own rezoning standards

October 11, 2023

I am writing to oppose the rezoning application presented to the board for all or parts of the land at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road.

This opposition is based on three arguments which I will further outline below

1. The application does not meet stated RDOS rezoning requirements
  - There is a mapped watercourse traversing the area
  - There is a mapped Environmentally sensitive area largely within the parcel boundaries
2. Impact to wildlife is not well understood at this time
  - A protected species by the Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection is encroached upon and acknowledged by the Environmental memo commissioned by the RDOS
3. The RDOS has not met public consultation requirements:
  - There are ZERO engineering or conceptual drawings made available to the public about the use of the re-zoned land for the purposes of all compost facilities
  - The information session held October 4 at Uplands Elementary was based around a singular and only partial scope of an organics compound facility and not the proposed use a biosolids facility
  - There IS an Engineering report produced by AERCOM outlines phase 1 bordering the ALR area. However, even that scope of the project is not well defined at this time and pertains ONLY to an organics facility and NOT a biosolids facility.

I believe that after reading the arguments below it will be self-evident the RDOS has not presented sufficient information to meets its own standards to approve this rezoning.

Numerous missed items from the RDOS own rezoning checklist, including major environmental concerns

1) On the topic of not meeting its own rezoning requirements :

From its own website<sup>1</sup> the RDOS states a development application requires:

a fee, supporting information such as an environmental impact assessment, riparian area assessment and/or professional geotechnical report.

As this would rezone an existing elk habitat, encroach on farmland, and none of the required professional reports have been completed. The Makonis "Environmental Memo" is certainly not a full impact assessment, there has been no riparian area assessment, and no professional geotechnical report presented

From the RDOS's own rezoning checklist<sup>2</sup> ensures watercourses are accounted for.

By the RDOS own definition of watercourse:

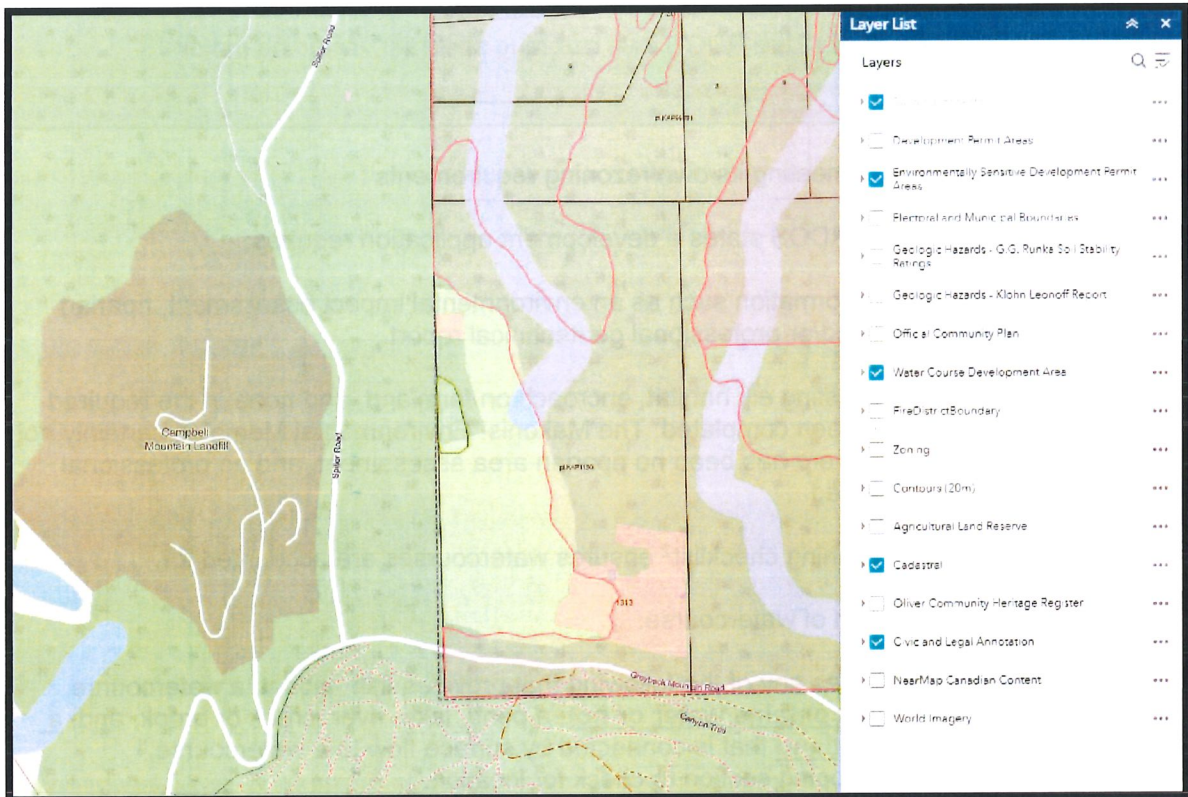
Watercourse: Includes any of the following that provides fish habitat: a watercourse, **whether it usually contains water or not**; a pond, lake, river, creek or brook, and; **a ditch, spring or wetland** that is connected by surface flow to a watercourse."  
www.rdos.bc.ca mapping section to check for location.

RDOS's own mapping indicates the presence of a watercourse:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/development-services/planning/application-forms-resources/development-permit-dp/>

<sup>2</sup> : <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/PLANNING/Forms/Checklist-RGS.pdf>



*Image 6 - watercourse clearly seen traversing through the proposed property (blue polygon), along with a red outline indicating Environmentally Sensitive Areas*

There were no soil samples taken to confirm or disprove the presence of hydric soil indicators to indicate things such as a temporary graminoid marsh.

In fact, RDOS's own mapping indicates this north side of the parcel where the Organics Compound facility would be located overlies BOTH a Water Course Development Area AND an Environmentally Sensitive Area

When asked about this at the RDOS information session the represented dismissed the question despite not being qualified to comment on such matters. He repeated indicated during the presentation and discussion that he was 'only just an Engineer'.


At future information session it would benefit the public for the RDOS to provide qualified members to answer both technical questions (environmental backgrounds), as well as the project sponsors who can speak to the need and placement of such facilities in protected areas.



Its own Environmental memo determined it was ELK Habitat

2) On the topic of encroachment to wildlife habitat:

To give context on the importance of the presence of Elk in the area and the diligence to determine its criticality in the protection of this species<sup>3</sup>, here is a Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection calling out Elk habitat as one of the unique species requiring attention.

  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**ORDER – CATEGORY OF UNGULATE SPECIES**

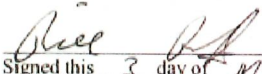
The following order applies to the province of British Columbia and takes effect on 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

This order is given under the authority of section 11 (3) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 17/04).

The Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection has determined that the list of ungulate species identified in schedule 1 are a category of ungulate species for which an ungulate winter range may be required for the winter survival of the identified species.

Schedule 1

<b>English Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
Mule and black-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>
White-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>
Elk	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>
Mountain Goat	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>
Caribou	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>
Bighorn sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>
Thinhorn sheep	<i>Ovis dalli</i>
Moose	<i>Alces alces</i>

  
Signed this 3 day of May, 2004  
Bill Barisoff, Minister  
Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/uwr/UWR\\_order.pdf](https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/uwr/UWR_order.pdf)

The Makonis memo downplays impact to wildlife

A 2004 study from Ophiuchus Consulting 1313 Greyback Mountain road is within a "Potential Corridor" for California Bighorn Sheep<sup>4</sup>. Furthermore, the opening line of this report states that:

- "California Bighorn Sheep no longer occur in many areas of the Okanagan because of degradation of habitat" and "land development are factors that have limited access to forage plants.", and continues later "Sheep survival depends on familiarity with their habitat and they are slow to re-occupy vacant habitats". Disturbance to any of this area is therefore detrimental to the already pressured migrating patterns of this blue list animal.

The Makonis memo asserts the 'unlikelihood' of Bighorn Sheep to congregate in this area despite them being active in the surrounding area. An assertion that is based on speculation given the limited time of physical presence on Site. A series of wildlife cameras directly on the site and within the surrounding area would be required for full migration patterns can even be concluded during even that limited sample period.

- While we are not privy to the scope of work issued to Makonis from the conclusion of the memo it seems to be answering the question "could this area be used for alternate purposes" and significantly it is NOT answering the question "IS this area suitable for alternate purposes." That question is only answerable after a substantially more in-depth analysis.

Among other unsubstantiated statements there is nothing to back up the assertion that it was previously a feed lot or what importance this has on the memo.

The memo is also self-contradictory regarding impact to Elk. While regional mapping studies noted the "moderate" or "low" suitability of habitat the presence of Elk scat shows this local area as incredibly high suitability. The stated impact of 0.038% of overall Elk habitat downplays that given the Elk scat this project would have 100% chance to impact Elk habitat. No single act ever leads to the elimination of a species in an area it is the collective of many small actions. This downplaying also does not take into consideration of the increased traffic further into known elk habitat and the activity beyond the strict boundary of the buildings.

- There is a self fulfilling prophecy within the memo that: "Sheep were not likely to be currently congregating in the Campbell Mountain area due to ... industrial activities from landfill" which would only be more unlikely should this rezoning be approved.
- No detailed analysis was undertaken and while "confidence in a future conclusion" is not a conclusion in itself, it reiterates that further studies must be completed, submitted, and stakeholder reviewed before a rezoning application can even be considered

The conclusion of the memo is that "further study is required". And while this is completely agreeable, it is entirely wrong that this should occur AFTER rezoning is approved. To the contrary, this board cannot find that rezoning is appropriate until further study is concluded, reviewed, and understood BEFORE rezoning is even considered.

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<sup>4</sup> [https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/okanagan/esd/atlas/species/bighorn\\_sheep.html](https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/okanagan/esd/atlas/species/bighorn_sheep.html)

Public consulted on only a partially developed scope for only a part of the land

3) On the topic of public consultation: The RDOS site states:

The RDOS intends to apply to the ALC for non-farm use on the remaining portions of the property in order to replace the City of Penticton's existing biosolids composting facility.

Not a single conceptual drawing, diagram, layout, or even written description of a biosolids facility is available. All information is in regard to an entirely different Phase 1 organics compost facility.

Phase 2, the rezoning in relation to the biosolids facility has had absolutely no information presented to the public. There has been ample opportunity for the RDOS to present such information but at every instance they presented information on an entirely different facility.

Upon arriving at Uplands Elementary for the information session on October 4 the sign board clearly read "Organics Compost Facility" and did not mention anything about biosolids. This is consistent with the heading presented on the RDOS's own website:

## Organics Composting Facility



The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is entering the next phase of public engagement on the construction of a composting facility at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road, adjacent to the Campbell Mountain Landfill (CMLF). The RDOS is seeking to rezone the property in order to permit the construction of a composting facility at the site.

### Open House: Organics Composting Facility

The RDOS invited residents and other interested parties to attend an **Organics**

**Composting Facility** open house event on October 4, 2023.

Image 1 Image taken from RDOS Connections <https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/compost> October 6.  
Note, there is no description indicating that this is for rezoning or a biosolids facility



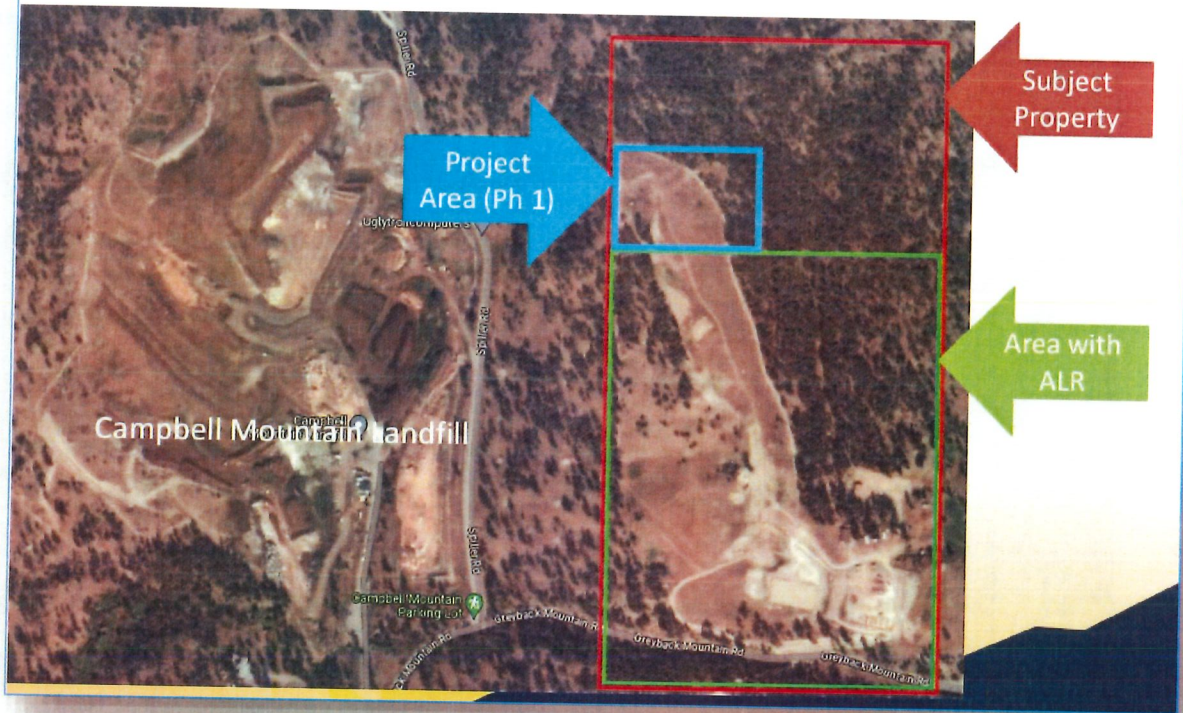
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More importantly, while the Power Point presented<sup>5</sup> states the presentation is in regard to "Rezoning 1313 Greyback Mountain Road" there were three visuals presented in the entirety of the session and NOT ONE was of the biosolids facility.

Those are shown below as taken from the RDOS Connections website and PDF clearly labeled as for this meeting "[20230809 1313 Greyback Mountain Rd-Rezoning, Public Information Meeting presentation.pdf \(643 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)":

<sup>5</sup> Power Point is available at the RDOS Connections website [here](#) titled "20230809 1313 Greyback Mountain Rd-Rezoning, Public Information Meeting presentation.pdf (643 KB) (pdf)". The version available attached in its entirety below was downloaded October 6, 2023 at 4:35pm

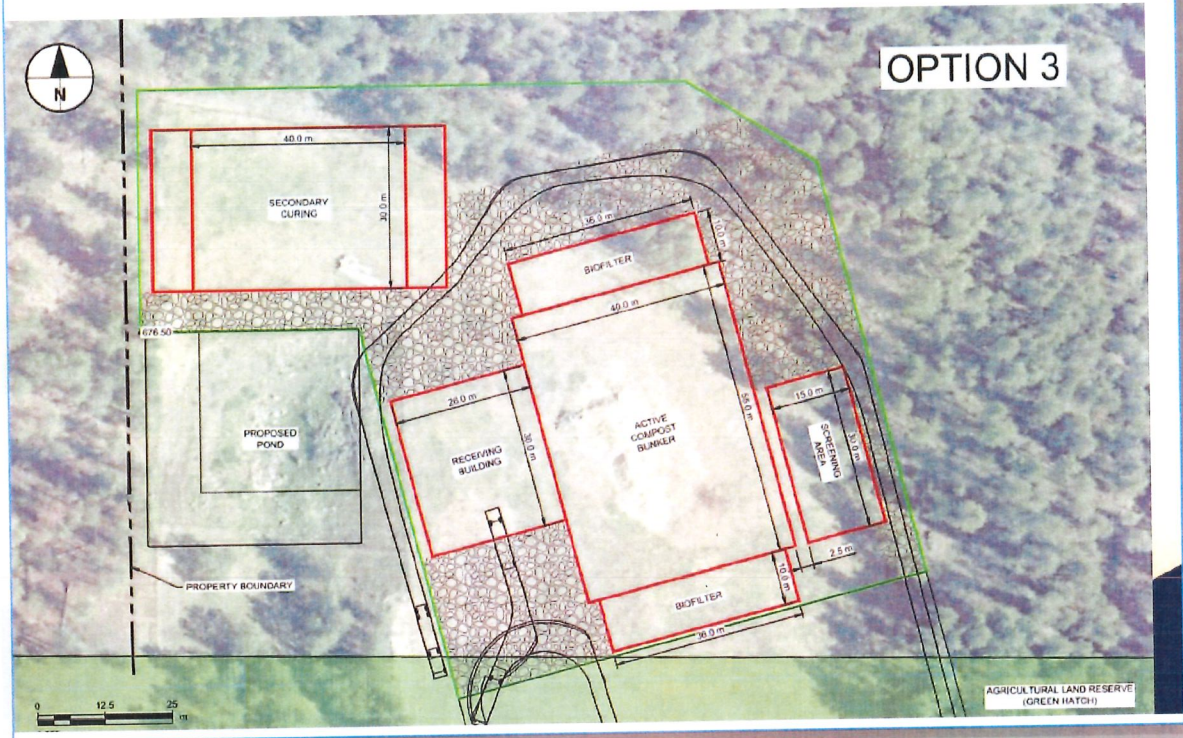
# 1313 Greyback Mountain Rd



*Image 3: Slide 5 shows a high level map indicating the project area for phase 1 organics compost facility but no indication whatsoever as to what part within the ALR is impact as part of the Biosolids 'Phase 2' work.*

This is misleading and with no mention of Phase 2 or any biosolids facility it almost appears as though ALR land will not be impacted.

# 1313 Greyback Mountain Rd



*Image 4: Slide 6 shows a conceptual drawing which illustrates composting facility but no layout in regards to the biosolids or "Phase 2" scope.*

This drawing shows no encroachment to ALR land clearly labeled as the green part at the bottom of the drawing. Presenting only Phase 1 scope not only greatly downplays the scope of the entire facility, but does not allow stakeholders to understand what possible, if any, impacts are to ALR land

## Project Scope



Enclosed Bunker System

*Image 5: Slide 7 presents an analogous aeration bunk building. This photos was taken from the AECOM Organics Waste Composting Facilities – Conceptual Designs technical memorandum<sup>6</sup> which is for a composting facility and NOT a biosolids facility.*

By not presenting an image of a biosolids facility the public cannot conceptualize what is being proposed in the rezoned area.

Additionally, there is Insufficient scope definition for the board to know what is actually to be constructed by the RDOS

- AECOM provided what they claim to be a Class 5 estimate based on 0 to 2 percent engineering but did not provide any basis of estimate or basis of schedule (two incredibly basic engineering deliverables). They provided a stated accuracy of -20 to +50% however the AACE (Association for Cost Engineers which is reference in the AECOM report) states that a Class 5 estimate this Concept screening stage (their term for 0 to 2% Engineering complete) is +100% to -50%. No rationale was provided to state the narrower band within the AECOM report. The high error band on such estimates typically is to account for unknown

<sup>6</sup> From report available on [RDOS Connection](#) found on page 4/14

scope. Such scope would impact site considerations. This uncertainty is reflected in the wide error band and large amount of contingency AECOM applies to the project (30%). No rationale for this level of contingency was stated in the report. Although not stated explicitly in the report a final cost estimate inclusive of contingency is typically presented as the P50 number in estimating best practices. In other words, even WITH an extra 1/3 buffer of contingency it produces a cost which has a 50% probability of being exceeded.

- Therefore, from the base known scope AECOM is stating that they need to add one-third more because of 'unknowns' as the contingency items. And even after doing this there is a 50/50 chance that there will be additional unknowns.

The engineering report itself shows the large amount of scope that is unknown (50 to 100% MORE in half of all cases), along with an expected one-third additional scope on its base plans is EXPECTED.

Until a more defined scope is in place, the board cannot have confidence as to the actual infrastructure that would reside within the rezoned boundaries. It would have a general idea as to its purpose, but not their accurate size, noise, footprint.

Class 5 estimates usually do not contain ground trothed designs, FULL SETBACK from watercourses would **certainly** impact scope if AECOM were made aware of the wetland.

Finally, In the rezoning requirements provided by the RDOS, consultation must include<sup>7</sup>:

"Notice of a PIM is to be mailed to surrounding residents and property owners within a distance of not less than 100 metres"

I do not believe there was sufficient notification that either:

- property owners in the area were mailed notifications in accordance with this requirement, or
- sufficient consideration as to how the distance of mailouts was determined. As this is the single largest development East of Middle Bench road it is reasonable to consider the entire area to Indian Head as impacted. The central location of the Public Information session at Uplands Elementary acknowledges the wide area of impact of this project.

And until the public in the area affected by this facility can be consulted, it should not be taken that sufficient consultation has occurred. Further, WHEN meaningful consultation DOES occur it should include a mailout to all those impacted which includes all residents East and North of Uplands Elementary along all major roads leading to this facility, and all residents within a 10 kilometer radius.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/development-services/planning/application-forms-resources/official-community-plan-and-zoning-bylaw-amendments/>



I thank you for your time to consider my opposition. I feel that I have clearly demonstrated that:

- The RDOS has not abided by its own rezoning checklist, specifically on Environmental matter, and
- There has been insufficient due diligence on protecting known ungulate habitat
- the RDOS has provided a public education program based on one scope (the Organics Composting Facility) and is applying to rezone an entirely different scope (the biosolids facility) for which there has been ZERO public information as to what this would entail.

If the public has zero concept of the biosolids facility to be placed in the rezoned land I must also question if anyone knows what it is approving to be located within the rezoned land. There must either be some additional information on the biosolids facility that has not been made public, or the more likely explanation that this information simply does not exist.

AECOM has not abided by wetland setback requirements which questions if they know about its existence. Which is likely because there has clearly been not detailed undertaking to understand its scale or impact to the facility layout.

**The board should not be put in a position to approve rezoning of a facility that has not been well understood or described in full to the RDOS or to the public.**

The RDOS is arrogant and wasting public funds to ask for this rezoning. They are trying to make the best of a bad piece of land they never should have bought in the first place because it is not suitable for rezoning of such industrial facilities. 1313 Greyback Road should be sold immediately with funds used to properly develop alternative sites for a compost facility or other solutions which reduce leachate and other pollutants from entering our drinking water, farmland, and surrounding ecosystem which are generated at the current landfill.

This is a multi-jurisdictional issue, involving multiple disciplines, impacting a wide range of stakeholders. Until a panel of all these groups can find a permanent solution, my opposition remains steadfast.

Best,

Grant Willis  
Resident of Spiller Road



Jesper Work &lt;riksagar@gmail.com&gt;

## Impact Statement Regarding the New Recycling & Bio-Waste Facility:

1 message

**Jesper Work**

To: Dana Coates-Work

, David Coates

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 6:40 PM

Jesper Work

1. Fire Hazard: The establishment of this facility, with its increased industrial activity undeniably heightens the risk of devastating fires.

2. Road Deterioration: The dire state of Spiller Road around the landfill is an issue that cannot be ignored and rural roads cannot handle the traffic.

3. Toxic Spills: Disturbing reports of toxic spills on local roads have exposed irresponsible waste management practices by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS). Their refusal to take responsibility for incoming transport trucks is a red flag.

4. New Residential Subdivision: The recent approval of a new residential subdivision near Greyback Mountain warrants a thorough and impartial environmental and traffic impact assessment. This assessment must carefully consider both current and potentially tripled population estimates, as well as geological instability, such as fault lines and recent landslides. The lead engineer's dismissal of the environmental impact of concurrent development raises concerns about the RDOS's commitment to evaluating the implications of these simultaneous projects.

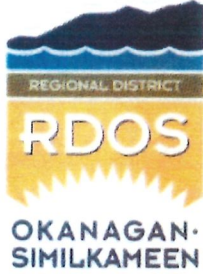
5. Community Resistance: A significant portion of our community vehemently opposes the facility due to concerns that it will compromise our rural lifestyle and the natural beauty of our surroundings. This opposition underscores a clear disconnect between the project's proponents and the residents who will be most affected.

6. Aesthetic Concerns: The proposed industrial cement building design is not in harmony with the natural beauty of our surroundings. We consider detrimental to our environment.

In summary, these concerns demand thorough reconsideration of the current plans for the Recycling & Bio-Waste Facility. We implore you to take immediate action to address these pressing issues to ensure the safety, well-being, and environmental integrity of our local area.

Spiller Rd Penticton (Above Waste Facility)

Jesper Work  
Dana Coates-Work



# Feedback Form

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, V2A-5J9

Tel: 250-492-0237 / Email: [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca)

TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen FILE NO.: E2023.008-ZONE

FROM: Name: GAVIN MILLER / UPPER BENCH  
(please print) WINERY.

Street Address: UPPER BENCH ROAD SOUTH

Date: OCT 12\* 2023

RE: Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24  
1313 Greyback Mountain Road — Sublot 8, District Lot 2711, SDYD, Plan 1190

My comments / concerns are:

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VERY WORRIED ABOUT LARGE NUMBER OF  
LARGE SMELLY TRUCKS USING UPPER BENCH RD  
TO GET TO THE FACILITY.  
ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE ~~REVERSE~~  
EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON AGRICULTURE ON  
THE BENCHES BELOW.

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## Kerri-Lynn Grell

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**From:** Victoria Kryzanowski  
**Sent:** October 12, 2023 10:31 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** 1313 Greyback road

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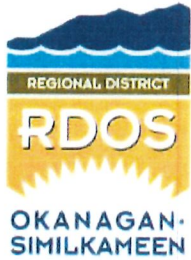
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We are definitely against this project.

This will greatly affect my land and the wildlife and grazing of domestic animals also. There will be impact on the water supply in the area and there are no guarantees of this not happening in the future. West Bank has announced a project at Brenda mines which is better suited for this waste to go! The value of our property and surrounding properties will be affected greatly I hope the ALC votes this down farming is number one not land for number 2 waste!

Thank you

Victoria and family Kryzanowski



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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Ken Hampson  
(please print)

Street Address: Millar Road, Penticton BC, V2A 8T3

Date: October 12, 2023

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
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The land should not be rezoned for this purpose  
Composting is good, it just should NOT be there  
The existing dump should not effectively be enlarged  
The dump should be moved elsewhere - it is decades past when it should have been moved  
I am concerned about the animal and plant life at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road as they are  
already loosing too much of their natural habitat

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## Kerri-Lynn Grell

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**From:** Michele Curley  
**Sent:** October 12, 2023 1:16 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Michele Curley  
**Subject:** Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw #2800.24-1313 Greyback Mountain Road

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We do not support this rezoning proposal for the following reasons:

1. Based on the information provided by RDOS to date, we feel the proper testing, etc has not been completed thoroughly or not provided adequately. Based on the TownHall held in August the questions asked by the neighbours affected were not answer adequately nor have they been addressed on the testing of the other facilities that are in place in other RDOS areas.
2. The impact on the wildlife, with this property being home to Elk, Moose, reptiles, & birds.
3. The impact to our neighbourhood, due to the extra trucking & traffic, noise pollution from the trucks and the working equipment & potential odor if the project is not completed with the proper composting recipe causing potential water soil contamination.
4. This type of facility belongs in a designation industrial area where there is no environmental impact, whether it is water resources, wildlife etc. This area is not an industrial area!
5. Leaching has happened from the existing facility, and it has cost the City of Penticton money to purchase the affected properties due to the affected land.
6. How will this impact the recreational opportunities on the Campbell Mountain Trail Network?

Thank you  
Michele & Chris Curley  
Pine Tree Way, Penticton

I am onside with Phase I of the organic waste facility. I think if done properly, and if the right inputs happen (organic material that is acceptable for farmland), it could be valuable compost for the agricultural community. It would need to be a far improved system than what we have seen in the past at the CML/compost facility, to be sold to the agricultural community.

However, I am opposed to the rezoning as presented given Phase II of the organic facility is a biosolids plant. The RDOS must take into consideration the direction of the ALR, who have suggested Phase I of this project not proceed, until Phase II can be resolved. The RDOS is putting the cart before the horse.

There are too many uncertainties, that have not been explained to the community, and I'm not convinced the RDOS have the knowledge of the toxicities involved in having this biosolids facility. At the open house, it was suggested the RDOS would sell this sludge waste when it comes out the facility, as landscaping material.

**This is an excerpt from the Guardian on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by Tom Perkins. Please take the time to read it. Sending this sludge out the door as "landscaping" material in our area is a bad idea.**

*While the water is cleaned and discharged, the remaining toxic sewage sludge stays at the treatment plant, and it's what Sierra Club environmentalist Nancy Raine calls "the most pollutant-rich manmade substance on Earth".*

*This "biosolid" sludge is expensive to dispose of because it must be landfilled, but the waste management industry is increasingly using a money-making alternative – repackaging the sludge as fertilizer and injecting it into the nation's food chain.*

*Now the practice is behind a growing number of public health problems. Spreading pollutant-filled biosolids on farmland is making people sick, contaminating drinking water and filling crops, livestock and humans with everything from pharmaceuticals to PFAS. As more biosolid-linked crises develop, some farmers and environmentalists are calling for a ban on the practice.*

*In 2019, about 60% of sewage sludge produced by treatment facilities will be spread on farmland and gardens, as well as schoolyards and lawns. Sludge holds nitrogen, phosphorus and other nutrients that help crops grow, so the waste management industry lightly treats it and sells it cheaply to farmers who view it as a cost-saving product.*

*But in fact the excrement from which sludge derives has mixed with any number of 80,000 manmade chemicals that are discharged from industry's pipes or otherwise pumped into the sewer system. By the time the mix lands in treatment plants, it can teem with pharmaceuticals, hormones, pathogens, bacteria, viruses, protozoa and parasitic worms, as well as heavy metals like lead, cadmium, arsenic or mercury. It often includes PCBs, PFAS, dioxins, BPAs and dozens of other harmful substances ranging from flame retardants to hospital waste.*

*"Spending billions of dollars to remove hazardous chemicals and biological wastes from water, only to spread them on soil everywhere we live, work and play defies common sense," said David Lewis, a former Environmental Protection Agency scientist who opposed spreading sludge on cropland in the mid-1990s as the agency approved the use.*

Previously treatment facilities burned sludge or dumped it in the ocean, but the federal government barred the practices because doing so violated clean air rules or created marine dead zones. The EPA now insists spreading the same toxic substance on farmland is safe.

Raine questioned that conclusion, noting that there is very little regulation, very little testing and no knowing what's in each batch of sludge as compositions vary.

In what biosolid testing the EPA has conducted, it identified more than 350 pollutants. That includes 61 it classifies "as acutely hazardous, hazardous or priority pollutants", but the law requires only nine of those be removed. Moreover, the EPA and wastewater treatment plants don't test for or otherwise analyze most of the 80,000 manmade chemicals.

In a scathing [2018 report](#), the EPA office of inspector general noted the agency couldn't properly regulate biosolids, even if it sincerely tried, because "it lacked the data or risk assessment tools needed to make a determination on the safety of 352 pollutants found in biosolids".

Though regulators and industry don't know what's in biosolids, there's strong evidence that it can be dangerous.

A University of North Carolina [study](#) found 75% of people living near farms that spread biosolids experienced health issues like burning eyes, nausea, vomiting, boils and rashes, while others have contracted MRSA, a penicillin-resistant "superbug". In South Carolina, sludge containing high levels of carcinogenic PCBs was [spread on cropland](#), and in Georgia sludge [killed cows](#). Biosolids are also thought to be partly [responsible for toxic algae blooms](#) in the Great Lakes and Florida, and biosolid treatment centers regularly [pollute the air](#) around them.

Meanwhile, sewage sludge is behind a widening PFAS crisis that has contaminated farms in Maine, [Michigan](#), Wisconsin, Alabama and Florida. PFAS, or "forever chemicals", are linked to a range of serious health problems like cancer, thyroid disorders, immune disorders and low birth weight. The chemicals are a product used to make non-stick or water-resistant products, and are found in everything from raincoats to dental floss to food packaging. Maine's testing of 44 fields sprayed with biosolids earlier this year consistently [found alarming PFAS levels](#) in the ground, cows and [farmers' blood](#), which forced one dairy farm to shut down.

"They're [finding](#) kilograms of PFAS in sewage sludge when nanograms are harmful to humans, so you can't regulate it as a fertilizer," said Laura Orlando, a civil engineer who tracks problems with biosolids.

Still, state governments continue to allow biosolids to be spread on farmland or sold in compost. In Michigan, an environmental official [recently said](#) the state won't test for PFAS in milk because it doesn't want to put farmers out of business. A spokesperson for Michigan's department of environment, Great Lakes and energy did not respond to specific questions about biosolid use, but said the state had increased PFAS testing, and in 2017 it issued suggestions for biosolids applications.



However, the Sierra Club's Great Lakes manager, Christy McGillivray, noted that Michigan doesn't have PFAS standards, so "that makes it impossible to regulate". As of now, states aren't testing for most of the thousands of chemicals known to be in sludge beyond PFAS.

Biosolids are also creating tension in some rural communities as farmers who use it pollute watersheds, contaminate neighbors' wells or sicken neighbors.

Don Dickerson, a farmer with land in Michigan and Ohio, told the Guardian biosolid dust from an adjacent field had coated his home and crops in the substance. Paul Wohlfarth, a resident of Riga Township, Michigan, said sludge is contaminating his well, and charged that biosolids from the state's cities were "turning Riga Township into a waste dump".

"When you put heavy metals, PFAS, plastics, pharmaceuticals and all that in the soil, sooner or later it gets toxic, and you can't wish that stuff away. You're ruining the topsoil forever," he said.

Though the government is reacting slowly or ignoring problems, companies like [Whole Foods](#), Dole, [Heinz and Del Monte](#) won't buy crops grown in biosolids, while [Switzerland](#), the Netherlands and other countries have banned it. Still, the wastewater industry has strongly denied that health issues exist and regularly calls any contrary evidence anecdotal.

The Great Lakes water authority, which operates one of the nation's largest biosolid programs, declined interview requests from the Guardian. Despite sludge's chemical makeup, the wastewater industry bills biosolids as "green" and even [sells it](#) as organic fertilizer in stores like Walmart and Lowe's, though packaging doesn't indicate that it's composed of human and industrial waste.

In addition, I'm not sure, given the totally inadequate presentation from the RDOS, that I believe there won't be a lot more traffic, and a lot more "poop" trucks coming from all over the Okanagan to this facility. Often, money makes the difference on how these decisions come about, and I have zero comfort hearing from an engineer, that didn't seem to know a whole lot about this facility, telling the public "there will be no more traffic than already exists". Does the RDOS even know about a residential strata development on Reservoir Road recently approved? I can tell you the developer had no idea about this compost facility from discussing it directly with him.

It is not clear if the traffic will go through Upper Bench Rd with its wineries, or Middle Bench Rd with Uplands School, or Lower Bench Rd with City Hall and Vancouver Hill. Why can't the public be told the truth? Why is the RDOS always non transparent?

I have concerns about land which needs to be preserved for wildlife along with its life forms. It is the calving grounds for our Greyback Elk herd (250 herd), home to the California Bighorn Sheep and many species at risk like the endangered Northern Pacific Rattlesnake. Is there not an industrial area location more suitable rather than the hillsides of a tourist area?

The Campbell Mountain Trail Network is immensely popular, with many people hiking, biking or dog walking there. It is a major Tourism attraction and contributes to our tourism. The proposed facilities across from the often-used parking lot, pose a very real potential for large trucks to encounter pedestrians on that rural road which will present safety concerns.

What about the option of taking the biosolids to the Westbank First Nations (WFN) who have partnered in a deal to compost at the former Brenda Mines site west of Peachland? WFN invites all communities, south to the US Border and north to Vernon, including Penticton, to partake. There needs to be communication between Westbank FN, City of Penticton, and RDOS to find the most efficient way to handle compostable refuses in the Okanagan.

I do understand the need to decrease carbon emissions from the biosolids waste, and putting them back into the landfill is not the solution. But I'm not convinced there aren't options for Phase II of this project that present better locations.

I also think the RDOS did an extremely poor job of convincing the public at their last minute, thrown together open house for this facility. I think most of the public have no idea what is being considered at this site, they just hear the word "compost", and are onside. The RDOS and the City of Penticton should not rely on this, it is not fair to the public.

The RDOS in area E need to step up their game, modernize public hearings with video, have a proper "form" that actually works for the public to send in comments, actually get back to people, don't ignore them and hope the problems go away. Make changes that make a difference to outcomes. They need to be more transparent with the public, and tackle the issues in our area with the community.

I am onside with the compost facility, but not with the biosolids, and if the biosolids waste is sold back to the community, it is a very, very big mistake.

Gjoa Taylor,

1215 Poplar Grove,

Penticton

Richard & Twylla Da Silva  
Naramata Road  
Penticton, BC V2A 8T3  
October 5, 2023

Board of Directors  
RDOS Okanagan Similkameen  
101 Martin Street  
Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

RE: Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24, 2023

Dear Board of Directors:

I am formally requesting the proposed RDOS File No. E2023.008-Zone – Zoning Amendment – Electoral Area “E” be voted down or postponed for the following reasons:

1. The residents have not had sufficient time to fully review and verify any of the materials provided at the public hearing on Oct 4, 2023.
2. Questions from a number of residents were not fully explained or addressed during the meeting on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
3. At the Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Mr Reeder stated that there was “...no other alternative locations or options”, yet there were a number viable solutions where mentioned by residents that are available such as a couple of a:
  - a. West Bank First Nations as per Chief Robert Louis interview on CastaNet News on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> has offered the use of the former Brenda Mines site west of Peachland inviting all communities from the US Border to Vernon to partake. This was NEVER mentioned as an option by Mr. Reeder.
  - b. Elizabeth Kruger of Marron Valley, member of the PIB had offered an alternative site...Mr. Reeder again failed to mention this option...
4. Traffic Issues, Mr. Andrew Reeder stated there would be no increase in traffic, yet on a letter dated September 7, 2023 from B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer of the RDOS states on the bottom of page 2 that ***“The construction of the proposed organics treatment and processing facility is regionally significant in that it would provide the benefit of expanded waste management services across the region.”*** This would obviously bringing with it more traffic...completely contradicting Andrews statement.
5. The use of the Makonis Consulting Ltd letter dated on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as an environmental and authoritative report to the safety of this proposal is not only an embarrassment but an insult to the region and its residents. Any resident of the RDOS or the City of Penticton would need to

complete reams of paper work including detailed geotechnical reports for the simple install of a septic system. Yet on a project of this magnitude that includes the handling of toxic bio solids (some of which is septic waste) there is a meager 1-page report with NO geotechnical or environmental or in depth science study, only the opinion of the consultant. It is rather telling that at the end of the report the author to of the report, John Grods states, ***"I would recommend further biological studies in the conjunction with the proposed design details, if rezoning is approved and project proceeds, so aspects of the impacts are fully understood"***, basically stating there is no real understanding at all of what is being proposed?!? In lieu of the previous safety record of the RDOS and the City of Penticton on this current site and its well documented and ongoing pollution of the down slope properties by toxic waste from the land fill, to this day, this report smacks of incompetence in understanding the gravity of the situation the residents current face and will continue to face in the generations to come.

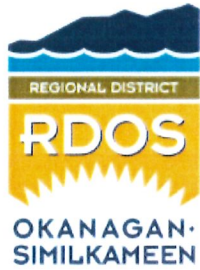
6. And finally...the underhanded way this whole process was handled and presented to the residents of the community. The unbelievably short time frame given to the residents to grasp the full ramifications of this proposal and to prepare accordingly. It seems on the service that the RDOS was trying to very quietly squeeze this proposal by the residents and its community. The misinformation wither knowingly or not speaks to the lack of detailed care, attention and respect this type of proposal should command. The proof of what comes of this flippant disregard to due diligence is what has led to the ongoing environmental disaster our community faces today with the Cambell Mountain Landfill.

In conclusion, the above is no exhaustive list of reasons that we are against this proposal. The RDOS is charged with not finding the most convenient nor most economical but the very best solution for the protection of its residents and community. No one disputes the benefits and the need for composting...what this proposal in setting the foundation and ground work for is much more serious than simple composting. As such, the board must and will be held accountable to provide better thought and research into this matter.

Due to the above my wife Twylla and I, residents of 510 Naramata Road are vehemently against this bylaw requesting a full review of the process and further extension to this bylaw application to fully understand and research this proposal.

Regards,

Richard and Twylla Da Silva  
Property Owner



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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Cameron Morrell  
(please print)

Street Address: Falconridge Drive, Penticton

Date: Oct 14 2023

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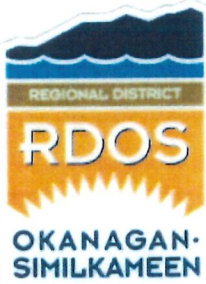
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I would like to see all current and past testing data for leachate from the landfill site. I ask  
because I am opposed to the proposed new compost facility's location. It will ensure the landfill  
stays open longer than necessary, further damaging the local environment. Please bundle the  
compost facility and landfill as ONE issue and MOVE THESE TWO FACILITIES TO A NEW  
LOCATION INLAND AWAY FROM LAKES, WATER SOURCES, AND AGRICULTURE.

I oppose the compost facility on these grounds: both the landfill and composting areas need to  
move away from the Bench to prevent further pollution.  
PLEASE CONTACT ME TO LET ME KNOW HOW I CAN ACCESS THE LEACHATE AND ALL  
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MEASUREMENTS AROUND THE LANDFILL. [PHONE NUMBER  
REDACTED]. A previous request, made in person at your offices, was not responded to.

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TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen FILE NO.: E2023.008-ZONE

FROM: Name: Joshua Edwards  
(please print)

Street Address: Jaramata rd, Penticton

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023

RE: Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24  
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leeching into the soils with agriculture in the area that would be affected.

Increased traffic load on the roads to the area by more heavy trucks.

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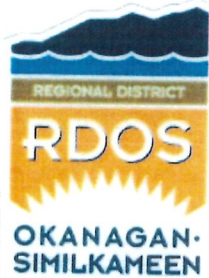
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FROM: Name: Shana Miller  
(please print)

Street Address: Upper Bench Rd. S

Date: Oct 16/23

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It is the land where the  
Elk live & breed. I have  
seen them with my very own  
eyes. Please leave them B.  
also our roads cant take the extra large  
truck traffic.

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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Michele & Chris Curley  
(please print)

Street Address: Pinetree Way Penticton BC

Date: October 12, 2023

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This is not an industrial site. This type of facility belongs in a properly zoned industrial area where the impact is minimal to wildlife & properly managed to ensure it maintains its integrity.

**RECEIVED**  
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**Lauri Feindell**

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**Subject:**

FW: Public Hearing Date Change for RDOS File No. E2023.008-ZONE - 1313 Greyback Mountain Road

**From:** marc hubbard

**Date:** October 20, 2023 at 6:19:01 PM PDT

**To:** Jacquie Jackson

**Subject: Re: Public Hearing Date Change for RDOS File No. E2023.008-ZONE - [1313 Greyback Mountain Road](#)**

I will not be here to make the meeting but bottom line is that the first Re zoning Application was turned down because it valuable farm land and a huge wildlife corridor neither of those things have changed!! Marc

## Lauri Feindell

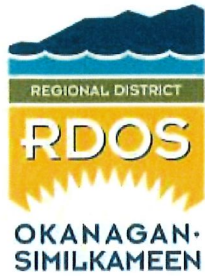
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**To:** Allison Rutherford  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback form - against proposed rezoning of Greyback Mountain Road

**From:** Allison Rutherford  
**Sent:** November 6, 2023 11:38 AM  
**To:** Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Feedback form - against proposed rezoning of Greyback Mountain Road

Please receive my attached feedback form. My husband and I DO NOT support the proposed rezoning of 1313 Greyback Mountain road.

Allison & Joel Rutherford  
Middlebench Road  
Penticton, BC



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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Allison Rutherford  
(please print)

Street Address: Middlebench Road N, Penticton, BC

Date: November 6, 2023

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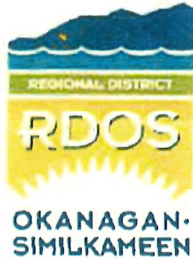
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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Tammy Hansel  
(please print)

Street Address: Spiller Rd

Date: Nov. 14/2023

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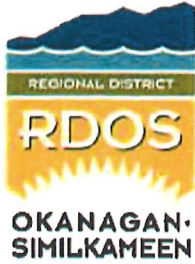
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~~Given the information provided, I believe that this rezoning should not be approved. We have owned and lived on this road since 1992. We were told at that time the lifespan of the landfill would be 18 more years, and the height of the debris wouldn't exceed the natural height that was already there. That has been surpassed many years ago, and would seem to have no restriction. I don't believe that the landfill has not been managed in the way it had been originally promised, why are we expected to believe that any additional projects would be developed in a positive way? Just last week, I saw the herd of elk crossing the very spot that would be developed for compost project. They are often there, where are they supposed to go? I have no faith that the RDOS can successfully create a biosolids/compost plant on this site, they have never been forthright about any of the plans for this landfill site, which in my opinion should not be where it is anymore. The needs of Penticton, Naramata, etc have surpassed the limitations of the area, and I say this not just as a homeowner, but seeing the effects of this landfill on the environment and wildlife over the years....~~

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**FROM:** Name: Steve Boulton  
(please print)

Street Address: Spiller Road Penticton

Date: November 13 2023

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The composting operation has issues for local properties, and this is a small scale operation.  
My property and my living here was before the composting was put in.

It is my belief that once the operation is scaled larger, the problems will scale with this.

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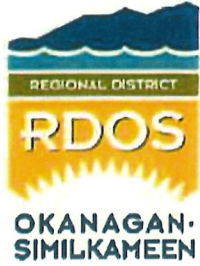
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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Janice Drganc  
(please print)

Street Address: ██████ Flagstone Rise

Date: Nov 12, 2023

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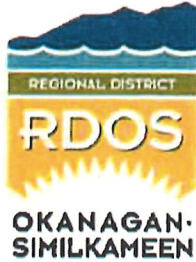
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TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen FILE NO.: E2023.008-ZONE

FROM: Name: Stefan Ermair (please print)

Street Address: [redacted] Vista Place

Date: 2023-11-12

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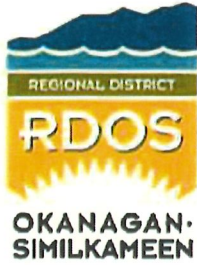
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- concern of resale value of my property to drop dramatically
- concern of additional contamination of the ground and ground water (my house is on a well)
- Industrial development even further reduces and destroys natural habitat
- access to my property will be thru the landfill area with both sides of Spiller road developed
- additional noise pollution, stink, air pollution and traffic expected
- huge carbon footprint of the planned construction
- Reservoir Road will become even more jammed with heavy truck traffic
- realistic alternatives do exist, like the Brenda Mine project
- quality of living will reduce dramatically with an industrial site next to my residential area
- present wildlife habitat and corridors on that land will cease to exist
- impact of the proposed development will be devastating, permanent and irreversible
- the landfill was supposed to shut down years ago, instead it got extended (by 99 years ?) and now you plan to make an already horrific situation even worse - you have no conscience and no care of the impact you will cause !
- if this rezoning goes thru it will set the stage for further industrial development of protected areas
- this land is part my backyard, my home and refuge. It provides a vital buffer zone to existing adjacent industrial areas

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**FROM:** Name: Quinn Dagneau  
(please print)

Street Address: Spiller Road, Penticton BC

Date: November 11, 2023

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
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I like the idea of composting. I DO NOT LIKE the proposed location. The existing landfill -  
already way extended beyond its life and causing pollution - should be shut down and moved  
and the composting facilities should be with it at the new location.

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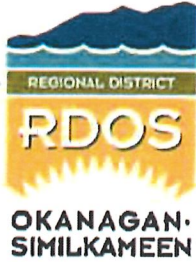
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TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

FROM: Name: Douglas H. Mathias  
(please print)

Street Address: [Redacted] Smethurst Road, Naramata, V0H 1N1

Date: Nov 15, 2023

RE: Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24  
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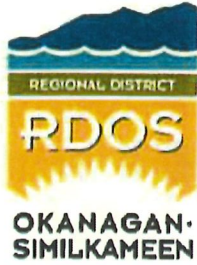
~~My primary concern with this rezoning is the massive increase in truck traffic through a corridor that is already overtaxed during peak transit times daily, and, increasingly, as a result of seasonal congestion due to summer expansion in tourist and ancillary support services for the Naramata Bench winery and agrifourism industry. As a long-time resident of Naramata I have experienced the steady densification of the Bench and particularly the Vancouver Hill/Johnson Road Upper Bench Road corridors.~~

~~While I am in favour of the RDOS exploring and implementing a biosolids and composting facility, I do not believe this location is the smartest choice. I would urge the RDOS to maintain current zoning and Agricultural Land Reserve considerations and explore the other location options that have been identified, and also continue to search for additional alternative locations.~~

~~To propose transportation of District-wide biosolids and organic waste materials through a built-up urban centre for processing at the gateway to a world-class scenic tourism gem seems short-sighted at best, and irresponsible at worst.~~

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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Elaine Price  
(please print)

Street Address: Greyback Mountain Road

Date: November 12, 2023

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I feel this recent move is in contradiction to the previous rulings and hearings that occurred on the rezoning of the agricultural land. The RDOS ruled to not use this land in this manner and now that ruling is being side stepped to get to their desired result. It is dishonest to the landowners and stakeholders.

The commercial activities contemplated for this parcel are not wanted by the residents. There will be added traffic, noise, smells and visual pollution if this is approved.

I do not support this proposed rezoning.

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FROM: Name: Daniel Schilli  
(please print)

Street Address: [Redacted] Falconridge Dr. Penticton B.C.

Date: Nov. 14/23

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I think this would be better suited in a more central location - somewhere not next to Peoples homes. This property should be used as farm/agriculture as it always has and not a industrial/maintenance site. The RDOS has proven over the years with the existing landfill and compost site not to be good neighbors to residence who have had to live with the noise, dust, traffic and mud covered roads on which complaints fall on death cars.

Feedback Forms must be completed and returned to the Regional District prior to noon on the day of the applicable Regional District Board meeting.

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# **STOP a beautiful 80 acre agricultural property on the Naramata Bench from becoming a Compost/Biosolids Waste Facility, PLEASE!**

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A.

- The RDOS (Regional District of South Okanagan) purchased 80 acres of farmland at 1313 Greyback Mountain Road, Penticton BC in 2020.
- The RDOS applied to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to have 55 acres removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).
- The ALC denied the RDOS's application in 2021.
- The RDOS appealed the ALC's decision in 2022.
- The ALC denied the appeal in 2023.

B.

• Now the RDOS wants to rezone the non-ALR portion of 1313 Greyback Mountain Road (the remaining 25 acres) from 'Resource Area (RA)' to 'Resource Area Site Specific (RAs)'. The change, if adopted, would permit:

1. A composting operation as a principal use and
2. Public maintenance and works yard as an accessory use.

• If this First Phase goes through then:

3. The RDOS wants to build a Biosolids (sewage sludge) facility on the property.

• These potential facilities would service a HUGE area requiring trucking from these destinations to the site forcing the large trucks to go through school zones, residential neighborhoods, and playgrounds emitting exhaust, emissions, and sewer odors all the way, both ways.

• The list of areas potentially served - Penticton, Keremeos, Cawston, Lower Similkameen, Rural Oliver, Skaha East, Okanagan Falls, Naramata, Greater West Bench, Rural Summerland, Okanagan Lake West, Rural Keremeos, Hedley, Olalla, Skaha West, Kaleden & Apex.

• In an Article dated August 16, 2016 from the Centre for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources (CSANR) (<https://csanr.wsu.edu/biosolids-benefits-risks/>): Paragraph #6. Caroline Snyder says: "August 18, 2016 at 7:19 pm. There is nothing "sustainable" about spreading biosolids on the land where we grow our food. This contaminated pollutant-rich mixture contains more than nutrients. As all the previous commentators have pointed out, it contains hundreds of persistent pollutants that accumulate in soil until the land is so polluted it can no longer grow most crops. This is not a potential scenario. It has already happened, e.g. in Augusta GA. For facts, rather than myths about the many risks linked to biosolids use, see <http://www.biosolidsfacts.org>".

• In that same Article dated August 16, 2016: Paragraph #10. Don Vincent says: "July 9, 2018 at 9:18 am. It is so important to understand that sewer sludge aka biosolids is NOT just human excrement - it is a concentration of all domestic and industrial pollutants that go down drains and sewers. It has some good stuff in it, which plants can use, but a huge load of thousands of other contaminants. ... It is true that biosolids contain beneficial elements like phosphorus, nitrogen, organic matter and trace nutrients. But the benefits derived from introducing those components to the soil via biosolids are by far overshadowed by the detrimental effects of toxins and pollutants that comprise the vast majority of the biosolids content."

C.

- These 25 acres are home to diverse and fragile wildlife, including plants, reptiles, and mammals, many of which are endangered/threatened. "The South Okanagan Valley is one of the 4 most endangered ecosystems in Canada" and, in general, we are "the region with the most endangered, threatened and rare species in the province. The South Okanagan is home to 30 percent of BC's Red-listed wildlife species, and 46 percent of the province's Blue-listed species".

- Among MANY others, the land in question is home to:

1. The Greyback Elk Herd, numbering approximately 250, calves on this very spot every spring.
2. The California Bighorn Sheep no longer occurs in many areas of the Okanagan because of degradation of habitat, changes in predation mortality, and historical over-harvest by legal or illegal hunting. Land development is just one of many factors that have limited access for the sheep to forage for plants. Sheep survival depends on familiarity with their habitat and they are slow to re-occupy vacant habitats.
3. The Northern Pacific Rattlesnake is only found in BC and is one of only three remaining rattlesnake species in Canada.

D.

- These 25 acres have their downstream watershed/riparian area to the east which serves as a crucial source of water for sustaining agriculture, wildlife, and human consumption for the surrounding properties.

- With 3 drinking water wells located directly downstream and within the same aquifer, the facility's potential discharge and runoff have a high likelihood of introducing harmful pollutants and toxins into the immediate area, posing a severe risk to the overall water quality.

- This could result in detrimental consequences for both human health and other diverse lifeforms that depend on this riparian area.

Many, MANY people are opposed to this application by the RDOS. To "join the fight", PLEASE sign this petition and SHARE it with everyone in your network. ACT NOW! Together, we can make a difference.

We, the undersigned, oppose the application by the RDOS (Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen) to re-zone 1313 Greyback Mountain Road, Penticton BC from 'Resource Area (RA)' to 'Resource Area Site Specific (RAs)' to put a stop to the building of a compost facility, public maintenance and works yard and a biosolids (sewage sludge) facility.

#	Title	First name	Last name	City	State	Postcode	Region	Date
1		Jacque	Jackson	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
	We do not need to destroy prime agriculture land that is home to so many endangered species. These facilities would be seen across the valley and would be a blight on the beautiful Naramata Bench.							
2		Alix	MacDonald	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
	The entire thing - existing landfill and anything new - needs to be moved to a different location. Instead of adding to an already contentious and, apparently, ill-functioning and too small facility - MOVE it All away from natural habitats, recreational and soon to become more residential dense area.							
3				Penticton	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
4	Mr.	Marc	Hubbard	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3		Sep 14, 2023
	There has been two previous attempts to redone this parcel of land and has been turned down, the values of this agricultural land has not changed and this new application should also be turned down							
5	Mr.	George	Nidderly	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
	No means No !							
6				Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3		Sep 14, 2023
7		Lana	Schultze	Penticton	BC	v2a 8t4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
8	Mr	Gary	Giesbrecht	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8V2		Sep 14, 2023
	RDOS out of control. Think they can do whatever they want. Save the ALR.							
9	Mrs.	Michele	Curley	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
10	Mr.	Chris	Curley	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
11		Gjoa	Taylor	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T6	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
	This is a gorgeous piece of agricultural land. Having biosolids shipped from 8 different RDOS districts will increase the traffic on this tiny, road that will spill down onto reservoir road, upper bench and Vancouver Avenue. Given all the development on Naramata Road, and the large, construction vehicles already on Naramata Rd., this will just be another strike against our area. Hardly the thing an agritourism area needs at the beginning of the Naramata Bench. While I feel that a compost facility is a good idea, given this is the calving ground for the last herd of Elk in the region, it is not the right spot. The RDOS should be more open about what is happening with this facility. Even the Mayor of Penticton appears to be in the dark given his recent speech at the Reservoir Road development hearing on Sept 12/23. Lets have transparency from our elected officials and let the public participate in decisions that impact where they live.							
12	Mrs	Jordan	Lacroix	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
13	Mr			Penticton	BC	V2A 9T4		Sep 14, 2023
14	Mr.	Chad	Nidderly	Penticton	BC	V2A8t3	Canada	Sep 14, 2023
15		Jim	Jackson	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
16	mrs	angela	LaBerge	Penticton	BC	v2a 8t4		Sep 15, 2023
17	Mr	Phil	Guertin	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
	I'm totally opposed to this project as it's been proposed. The end product from your process does not meet the basic requirements of a healthy organic compost process. Your sewage waste addition is loaded with pharmaceuticals, heavy metals and many other poisonous compounds. Get real.							
18	Mr			Penticton	British Columbia Canada	V2A 8T4		Sep 15, 2023
19	Mrs	Lori	Guertin	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
20		Dave	Laberge	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
21	Mr.	Brent	Ehlers	penticton	bc	V2A 3K7	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
22	ms	Bailee	Hainstock	penticton	bc	V2A 3K7	Canada	Sep 15, 2023
23		Pam	Willis	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 16, 2023
	Too small an area allowed when considering restrictions to setbacks. Susceptible to downstream water pollution. You have already bought one polluted property. Publish your environmental impact studies. Prove to us that this will not harm the valley.							
24		Grant	Willis	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 16, 2023
	This has been an illogical proposal from the beginning. The RDOS stated they had no alternative sites for composting . The Kruger family offered a site in Marron valley and for no apparent reason this was turned down. This site would have been more centrally located on safer roads and lower operating costs. You need to explain yourself better to the electorate. The discussion about both the landfill and the composting site, and how they are linked needs to be part of an open discussion if you expect support.							
25	Mr	Ryan	McNichol	Penticton	Bc	V2A 8T4		Sep 18, 2023
26	Mrs.	Tammy	Hansel	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
27	Mr.	Eric	Hansel	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023

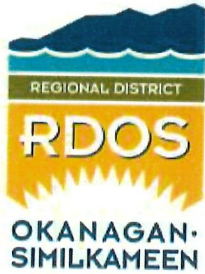
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28		Roman	Hansel	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
29		Sydney	Hansel	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
30		Toni	Albert	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T4	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
31		Kevin	Albert	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
32		Karen	McClarty	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4		Sep 18, 2023
33		Darrell	McClarty	Penticton	BC	V2A8T4		Sep 18, 2023
34	Ms	Teresa	Ehlers	penticton	bc	V2A 8S9	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
35	Mr.			Bonnington	BC	V0G2G3	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
36		Ryan	mullin	Ottawa	ON	K4A 4B9	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
37	Ms.	Elaine	Price	Penticton	bc	V2A6J6	Canada	Sep 18, 2023
		I feel the RDOS is trying to circumvent the approval process they lost in 2021 & 2023. Were all the stakeholders made aware of this current intended use when we voiced our concerns in 2020? No otherwise it would have been denied along with the original request.						
38		John	Bilodeau	Penticton	BC	V2A8T6	Canada	Sep 19, 2023
		No Means No!						
39	Ms			Penticton	BC	V2A 6Z8		Sep 20, 2023
40				Penticton	BC		Canada	Sep 20, 2023
41	Mr			Penticton	Bc	V2A2V6	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
		I bike on Campbell mountain and it is already stinky and inhibited enough by the landfill. What is with penticton and putting dumps on our nicest land?						
42	Ms	Gertie	Bews	Penticton	BC	V2A 2V3	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
		Please save our pristine area from development						
43	Mr	Sonny	Mohr	Penticton	Canada	V2A 1b9		Sep 20, 2023
44		Susan	Steadman	Naramata	British Columbia	V0H 1N1	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
45	Mister	Michael	Landrock	Naramata	B.C.	V0H1N1	Canada	Sep 20, 2023
		Tired of seeing all our beautiful once fruit tree laden lands filled with booze grapes and this kind of crap...literally. I am positive there exists way more suitable land for a purpose like this. Imagine the stench in the summer all the people above and below will smell. maybe build it near the RDOS offices instead or their employees homes, just saying!!						
46			Nichols	penticton	bc		Canada	Sep 20, 2023
		I'm lending my name to this petition in opposition of this proposal.						
47	Miss			Penticton	BC	V2A 2P3		Sep 20, 2023
48				Castlegar	BC		Canada	Sep 21, 2023
49	Miss			Penticton	BC	V2A 7P1	Canada	Sep 21, 2023
50	Mr	James	Thumm	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 22, 2023
51	Mrs	Denise	Thumm	Penticton	British Columbia	V0N3A8	Canada	Sep 22, 2023
52		Dawn	Lennie	Naramata	British Columbia	V0H1N1	Canada	Sep 23, 2023
53				Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T6	Canada	Sep 23, 2023
		This needs to be put into an area off a highway or industrial location. This location would take all the trucks through a residential area in Penticton.						
54	Ms	Michelle	Liota	Penticton	BC - British Columbia	V2A 3B3	Canada	Sep 24, 2023
		Stop destroying the areas that bring people to the South Okanagan. We don't need more housing. Growing is not mandatory to thrive.						
55	Mrs			Naramata	BC	V0H 1N1	Canada	Sep 24, 2023
56	Mr	Coleman	Jackson	Alix	Alberta	T0C0B0	Canada	Sep 24, 2023
57		Emily	Yeoman	Calgary	Alberta	T2G3S3	Canada	Sep 25, 2023
58	Ms	Deleenia	Brown	Penticton	BC			Sep 25, 2023
59		Eleanor	Papp	Penticton	British Columbia		Canada	Sep 25, 2023
60	Mr.	Richard	Da Silva	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 25, 2023

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	this is incredibly irresponsible. It is time the RDOS and the City of Penticton make plans to find another site for our landfill/biosolids facility. this is not only a massive eye sore with the city promoting active development around the whole site...this has now contaminated a number of down slope properties that have been kept under wraps. This also needs to come out as to the current contamination of the down slope properties. We need a new and better solution to this growing environmental disaster.							
61	Mrs.	Kisha	Spain	Penticton	BC		Canada	Sep 26, 2023
62	ms	Ellen	Saenger	Penticton	BC		Canada	Sep 26, 2023
63	Ms.	Spence	Dagneau	Penticton	BC	V1Y 8T3	Canada	Sep 26, 2023
64	Ms			Summerland	Bc		Canada	Sep 26, 2023
65				Penticton	BC - British Columbia	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 26, 2023
	This sounds awful. Keep this away from here. Actually, take the dump (which should have moved already) and this somewhere else - maybe as far away as all the places that want to send their sludge here.							
66				Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 26, 2023
	This sounds awful. Smelly, awful, horrible traffic PLUS taking the elks' calving grounds away. Shameful.							
67				Penticton	BC	V2A 3Y9		Sep 26, 2023
68		Barely	Davidson	Penticton	Bc	V2a8v2		Sep 27, 2023
69				Penticton	BC	V2A 8V1		Sep 27, 2023
	These potential facilities would service a HUGE area requiring trucking from these destinations to the site forcing the large trucks to go through school zones, residential neighborhoods, agri-tourism area, vineyards, and playgrounds emitting exhaust (there is a steep road uphill on Reservoir Rd), emissions, and sewer odors all the way, both ways. These 25 acres have their downstream watershed/riparian area to the east which serves as a crucial source of water for sustaining agriculture, wildlife, and human consumption for the surrounding properties. The "Biosolids" facility should be close to a highway.							
70				Penticton	BC	V2A 0E2	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
71		Cassi	Petersen	Penticton	Bc	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
72	Mr	Jordy	Ydse	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
73	Mr	Troy	Fader	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
74		George	McLean	PENTICTON	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
75				Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Sep 27, 2023
	I am not in favor of the Biosolids. I AM in favor of the development that was going to be put behind us. We are NOT Naramata Bench, we are still in Penticton. Naramata is developing all over the place, they should have nothing to do with our area.							
76		Casey	Conway	Penticton	Bc			Sep 27, 2023
77	Mrs	Val	Gronowski	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 28, 2023
78	mr	jesper	work	penticton	bc	v2a8t3	Canada	Sep 28, 2023
	already developing triple density subdivision at bottom of road. Greedy council members & Mayor seem to have some interest that they will not specify. The last council meeting was egregiously dismissive of the community local and general.							
79	Miss	Christine	Weeks	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A3I8	Canada	Sep 28, 2023
80	Ms	Victoria	Kryzanowski	Penticton	Bc	V2A4K4		Sep 28, 2023
81	Mrs	Margo	Boult				Canada	Sep 30, 2023
82	Ms	Dana	Coates-Work	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Sep 30, 2023
83	Mrs	Lorraine	Nagy	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T3		Oct 01, 2023
84	Mr	Andrew	Drouin	Penticton	BC	V2A4Y6	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
	More sludge-waste on clean soil is the last thing that Penticton needs!							
85		Mikos	Lambropoulos	Penticton	Bc	V2a 6G4		Oct 01, 2023
86				Penticton	B C	V2A 8T8	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
87	Ms	Colleen	Van Loon	Penticton	BC	V2A7K3	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
	Please don't destroy this land building these facilities.							
88	Ms	Jo	Nichols	penticton	bc	v2a	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
	NO STANK YOU! Already difficult to stomach the stench on the bench.							
89	Ms.			Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 7M6	Canada	Oct 01, 2023



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90		Chad	Gentes	Penticton	BC	V2a4g8	Canada	Oct 01, 2023
91	Ms			Penticton	BC			Oct 01, 2023
	The toxicity of these sites alone, should be a hard no.							
92		Louise	Blais	Summerland	British Columbia	V0H 1Z8	Canada	Oct 02, 2023
93	Mr			Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3	Canada	Oct 02, 2023
94	Mr			Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 5N3		Oct 02, 2023
95	Mr			Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T3	Canada	Oct 02, 2023
	In addition to the comments listed there is a major safety issue with the increase in large industrial trucks on Reservoir Road. These trucks are travelling at high speed in an area where there are many individuals with their children accessing the Cambel Mountain trail system. These trucks have reduced braking and cornering compared to a motor vehicle. With the blind corners, weather conditions and the steep grades associated with Reservoir Road there is high potential for a serious accident with increased industrial use in a recreation area.							
96	Mr.	Cameron	Morrell	Penticton	BC		Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	I support the creation of a bio solids facility, but NOT at this location. A new location should be found for both the landfill and a bio solids/composting facility. This new location should be inland, away from existing agriculture and the lakes. By choosing Greyback Mountain as a location for bio-solids, you will institutionalize garbage processing at this mountain location for generations, instead of adhering to the landfill's projected closing date. Expanding Greyback's role as a trash centre would be bad policy and will lead to increased degradation of the Naramata Bench, our farms, and our waterways. Please consider the landfill and biosolids facility as one problem that needs solving. That means removing all garbage facilities from Greyback and moving them to a more remote location inland. If that were done, you could restore the landfill to rolling parkland for walkers, cyclists, and city dwellers.: a win-win for all.							
97	Miss	Meghan	McLaren	Penticton	BC, Canada		Canada	Oct 03, 2023
98		Jan	Morris	Penticton	BC	V2A 8W7		Oct 03, 2023
99	Mr	Steve	Boulton	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T3	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
100		Lori	Goldman	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 3S3	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
101	Mrs.	Colleen	Rutherford	Penticton	BC	V2A8T3	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
102	Mr.	Albert ( Bert )	O'Brien	WEST KELOWNA	BC	V4T 1S4	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	Bio-solids are an immensely overlooked component of bio hazard waste in many forms such as fertilizer production. I have never heard of an applicant show how they will eliminate the heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, pharmaceuticals etc.							
103				Lake Country	BC		Canada	Oct 03, 2023
104	Mrs			Oliver	British Columbia	V0H1T2	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	At a threat to the environment/ecology of the area & increased dangerous traffic, I say absolutely not.							
105	ms	Brenda	Blatz	PENTICTON	BRITISH COLUMBIA	V2A 3R1	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
106		HERB	CATTEE	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T4	Canada	Oct 03, 2023
	SURELY CAN FIND A BETTER LOCATION							
107	Mr.	Duncan	McCowan	Penticton, BC	BC.	V2A 8T6	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
108	Mr			Penticton	British Columbia	V2A4P3	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
	The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has stated that this is not a good location for this compost facility. After the ALC denied the RDOS request and then denied the appeal of RDOS, the RDOS has decided its experts are better than the ones with the ALC. This will do harm to the Greyback Elk Herd and harm the surrounding area. Find another location.							
109		Nicole	Hackworth	Naramata	BC	V0H 1N0		Oct 04, 2023
	I disagree with a biosolids facility on this environmentally sensitive air land. Uphill from agricultural lands and on calving area's historically used by elk herds. There is a better place to home this waste facility than this area here.							
110	Mrs			Penticton	Canada	V2A 8T8		Oct 04, 2023
111				Penticton	BC		Canada	Oct 04, 2023
	Careless use of land that holds a great deal of animal welfare within it. Interesting how nothing has been in the media about it until now.							
112				Naramata	BC		Canada	Oct 04, 2023
113	Ms	Kirsten	Robertson	Naramata	BC	V0H1N1	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
	Please do not destroy this incredible natural space we are so fortunate to be able to access so close to town. I am 100% against destroying this important wildlife habitat. I am 100% against increasing large truck traffic up Reservoir Road. I lived on McMillan Ave for 14 years and the amount of truck traffic has increased significantly and has become very loud and dangerous. Part of the reason we moved. I am 100% against poisoning this land and the surrounding area with toxic bio-solids and stinky compost. This type of facility belongs in an Industrial zoned area, not in a fragile wildlife habitat. Please, do the right thing and protect this Penticton gem for future generations!							

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114	Mrs.	Julia	Valenti	Penticton	B.C.	V2A 8Y2	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
115	Mr	Les	Dewar	Osoyoos	BC	V0H 1V1	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
116		Gail	Bazen	Penticton	BC	V2A 8K8		Oct 04, 2023
117	Ms	D'Arcie	Knoll	Penticton	BC	V2A 7C5	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
118	Mr	Tyson	Archer	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T3		Oct 04, 2023
119				Penticton	Bc			Oct 04, 2023
120	Mr	Gavin	Miller	Penticton	BC	V2A 8T1	Canada	Oct 04, 2023
		Very worried about this and the effect on traffic and our crops						
121	Mrs.	Deborah	Webb	Penticton	BC	V2A8X9	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
		The land proposed for composting use is calving grounds for Greyback Elk Herd plus home to California Bighorn sheep. Leave the animals' habitat alone. Also, too close to human usage of Campbell zmountsi. Trail Network fir large hauling trucks to be using the road to this piece of land to haul organic compost from all the Electoral Areas B D E F G H I plus Penticton and Keremeos. Find another location!						
122	Ms	Lauren J	Cornish	Penticton	BC	V2A 8W7	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
123		doug	Mathias	Naramata	BC	V0H 1N1		Oct 05, 2023
		elk range, nuisance and hazardous heavy-truck traffic, soil-poisoning biosolids. What more do you need? I've used the compost from the existing facility from time to time to plant commercial fruit trees with the proviso that only a small amount be used due to high salts concentrations and traces of heavy metals being possible. Not sustainable to apply long-term. Perhaps if there was still an Agricultural Advisory Committee in the City of Penticton (discontinued during covid), the City at least could be cognizant of this. In the 60s, the City of Milwaukee sold a biosoloid fertilizer throughout N. America called Milorganite. It didn't go away because they ran out of "biosolids". For the RDOS to even consider trucking biosolids (read "everybody's shit-and-who-knows-what-else") through the centre of town is grossly irresponsible at best and verging on a breach of fiduciary duty at worst. I would invite the RDOS to publish the carbon-footprint analysis portion of their cost-benefit study. I'm sure it would be interesting reading.						
124	Mrs.	Rebecca	Kelly	Penticton	BC	V2A3N2	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
125	miss	Leah	North	Okanagan Falls	BC	V0H1R1	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
		We need agriculture land to remain to its purpose!!! Grow food , keep livestock do both but no compost site needs to use this land !!!!! Nor do we need another vineyard!!!						
126		Dan	North	Whitehorse	Yukon		Canada	Oct 05, 2023
127		Shana	Miller	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A8T1	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
128				Penticton	BC	V2A 8M3	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
129	Mr	Mark	Webb	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8X9	Canada	Oct 05, 2023
		The proposed site is entirely the wrong area, on many levels, for what could be a necessary and beneficial operation if done with more consideration to all the environmental impacts on the area, the community impact for those living near or on routes serving heavy trucks they never imagined and full explanations of where the next stop is for the composted material.						
130	Ms	Laura	E White	Vancouver	BC	V6K 4V1		Oct 05, 2023
131				West Kelowna	BC	V1Z 3L1	Canada	Oct 06, 2023
132				Naramata	British Columbia	V0H 1N1	Canada	Oct 06, 2023
133	ms			summerland	british columbia	v0h 1z8		Oct 06, 2023
134				Penticton	BC	V2A 8T1	Canada	Oct 06, 2023
135	Mr.	David	Klemchuk	Penticton	BC		Canada	Oct 12, 2023
		Can this proposed facility be located higher up Greyback Mtn. Rd. or up Carmi Rd. where there are no private residence lots?						
136	Mr	Scott	Breier	Penticton	BC		Canada	Oct 12, 2023
137	Nr	Christopher	Sutton	Naramata	BC	V0H 1N1	Canada	Oct 15, 2023
		I oppose this as it seems other more viable options are still open						
138	Ms	Christina	Staden	Penticton	British Columbia	V2A 8T3	Canada	Oct 19, 2023
139				Penticton	BC		Canada	Nov 06, 2023



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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

**FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Hugh McClelland  
(please print)

Street Address: Albrecht Road, Naramata, BC

Date: November 15, 2023

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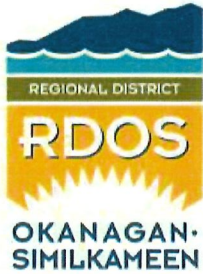
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(please print)

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I oppose the rezoning of 1313 Greyback Mountain Rd to expand the dump.

A new composting facility and biosolid facility is needed, BUT THIS IS THE WRONG LOCATION.

Why the RDOS would even consider this facility at the entrance to a renowned world class tourist destination wine region is beyond a sensible answer, but even more so when there are alternatives such as the partnership between the Westbank First Nations and Brenda Renewables to use the old Brenad Mines site west of Peachland, or the Elizabeth Kruger property in the Marron Valley which has been offered to the RDOS.

This location is not a suitable location.

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**Lauri Feindell**

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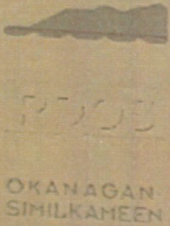
**From:** Tina Baird  
**Sent:** November 15, 2023 4:40 PM  
**To:** Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Feedback Form 1313 Greyback Mt Road

Some people who received this message don't often get email from [rdos.bc.ca](#) [learn why this is important](#)  
See attached form

I do not support the proposed rezoning of the subject parcel.

See attached form for comments.

**TINA BAIRD**  
*Albrecht Road*  
*Prismata BC*



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Tel: 250-492-0237 / Email:

TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen FILE NO.: E2023.008-ZONE

FROM: Name: Kelly Ann Schulli (please print)

Street Address: Falconridge Drive

Date: November 15 2023

RE: Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24  
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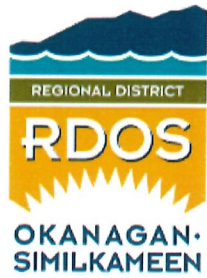
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It would be a shame to tamish the area in question any further! We already deal with slow moving large vehicles going to the dump, many only tarping up just outside the entry point therefore dropping much of their load along the way as well as the road quality diminishes almost as fast as your 'band-aid' fixes. Many of the larger trucks jackknife in the winter on the hairpin turn leaving us stranded sometimes on the wrong side. In addition the constant noise from the dump, the horrible smell and even the ever-growing large piles of dry wood (pallets) left throughout the summer during high risk fire season, which is very unnerving as you do not have a water supply, have had many fires and especially since we only have the one access road to evacuate if necessary. Shame on us for not doing our due diligence when the realtors said the landfill will reach its full potential and close in a few years, which has past. Now this!!! There are very few available homes on the market with views of our beautiful city and lakes. I just can't see why you would want to waste so much prime property with the potential of so much more property tax dollars! As well with a few communities in mind why would you put the entire "brunt" on Penticton, up a mountain even!?! Would it not make so much more sense in the flats, between the cities? No residences nearby, no hills for trucks to climb. Somewhere central where not just one town and its tax payers are affected. Rant over, please consider keeping Penticton beautiful!

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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Michael Papp  
(please print)

Street Address: Pinetree Way

Date: November 15, 2023

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I do not want to see the said property rezoned to enable the construction of a Composting and Biosolids facility. TI more suitable options for the location of this. My experience with the current setup shows that the transport of the teaks on to the road which gets onto my vehicles. It is not a pleasant thing to wash off, when the concern is raised parties involved everyone is pointing fingers at someone else to deal with it. I.e RDOS/City of Penticton and GFL... smell from the facility is nasty when it comes up the mountain to my property.

~~I implore you to please not rezone this property and look at the option of going to Brenda Mines.~~

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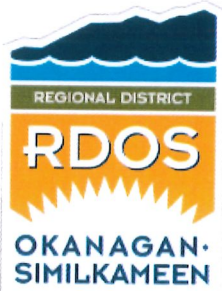
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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Karolina D.M. Born  
(please print)

Street Address: Smethurst Road, Naramata, V0H 1N1

Date: Nov 15, 2023

**RE:** **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
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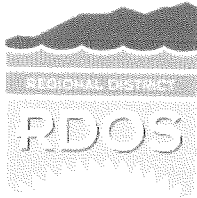
My primary concern with this rezoning is the massive increase in truck traffic through a corridor that is already overtaxed during peak transit times daily, and, increasingly, as a result of seasonal congestion due to summer expansion in tourist and ancillary support services for the Naramata Bench winery and agritourism industry. As a long-time resident of Naramata I have experienced the steady densification of the Bench and particularly the Vancouver Hill/Johnson Road Upper Bench Road corridors.

While I am in favour of the RDOS exploring and implementing a biosolids and composting facility, I do not believe this location is the smartest choice. I would urge the RDOS to maintain current zoning and Agricultural Land Reserve considerations and explore the other location options that have been identified, and also continue to search for additional alternative locations.

To propose transportation of District-wide biosolids and organic waste materials through a built-up urban centre for processing at the gateway to a world-class scenic tourism gem seems short-sighted at best, and irresponsible at worst.

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TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.008-ZONE

FROM: Name: Jesper Work & Dana Coates-work  
(please print)

Street Address: Spiller Road

Date: October 17, 2023

RE: **Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.24**  
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- 1. Fire Hazard
- 2. Road Deterioration
- 3. Waste Trucks Toxic Spills
- 4. New Residential Subdivision on Greyback just passed (too much in 1 area)
- 5. Community Resistance
- 6. Aesthetic Concerns

\*\*At least 2 other options - Kelowna Glenore & Marron Valley - have claimed possible waste locations.

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