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## Western Regional Waste Management Commences Implementation of Infrastructure Plan

Corner Brook, NL - Western Regional Waste Management (WRWM) is advancing plans to construct six transfer stations and develop a transportation system to manage solid waste in Western Newfoundland.

“The implementation of our waste management infrastructure plan marks a significant milestone in achieving the vision of a regional service model that will provide all residents and businesses in the western region with equal access to modern waste management facilities along with expanded programs and services,” said Don Downer, Chairperson of WRWM.

Following a review of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) submissions in late 2014, WRWM invited four qualified design-build teams to respond to a Request for Proposals (RFP) as a part of the final phase of the tender process. The closing date for RFP submissions is June 12, 2015.

“The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to providing residents of the province with modern waste management services. I am pleased to see progress being made in the western region with the closing of the RFP for six transfer stations. Construction of these transfer stations will commence in 2016 and approximately \$30 million is being invested to bring the six transfer stations and three public drop off facilities to completion,” said The Honourable Keith Hutchings, Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs.

A final decision on the successful proponent and project costs is expected to be announced in August 2015, with construction of the transfer stations set to commence in early 2016. Transfer stations will be located in or near the communities of Burgeo, Hampden, Port aux Basques, Rocky Harbour, St. George’s and Corner Brook.

“Transfer stations play an important role in achieving sustainable waste management by enabling the closure of landfill sites and also by accepting commercial and residential garbage, recyclables and household hazardous waste for transfer to recycling and disposal facilities,” added Downer.

A separate tender will also be issued for the construction of three waste recovery facilities to be located in Port aux Port, Bonne Bay South and Portland Creek, with ground breaking anticipated to coincide with that of the transfer stations. These facilities will operate as public drop-off sites where residents can dispose of items that are not accepted as part of household collection services.

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Beginning in July 2015, public meetings will take place in each of the seven sub-regions to discuss the infrastructure plan and its impact on enhancing waste management services throughout the Western region. An announcement of meeting dates and locations will be posted online at [www.wrwm.ca](http://www.wrwm.ca) and promoted through local media outlets.

#### About Western Regional Waste Management

Western Regional Waste Management (WRWM) is responsible for the development and implementation of a waste management strategy for Western Newfoundland. WRWM works in partnership with industry stakeholders, municipal and provincial governments, residents and businesses to achieve sustainable waste management.

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