



Newsletter #2 – August 2011

Report on Western Newfoundland Regional Waste Management Site

At our May 26th Western Regional Waste Management Committee meeting, Bae NewPlan (Wayne Manuel) was asked to compose a report containing the research and work completed to date on the selection of a Western Newfoundland regional waste management site. This report, called *Western Newfoundland Waste Management – Progress Report*, has since been submitted to the WRWM Committee for its review. This report includes all the research regarding the possible sites for a Western Waste Management Facility and the research done with respect to the option of shipping waste to the Central Waste Management Facility in Norris Arm. The report will allow the Committee to examine more clearly the advantages of the Central Newfoundland option in light of the research that has been done to date on the Western Newfoundland option. This will be the major topic for discussion at the September meeting of the committee and, once the report has been adopted by the committee, it will be placed on our public website this fall.

Public Web Site

A public website has been designed (by Corner Brook web designer Barry Wheeler) and is now available to the general public at www.wrwm.ca. We ask for your patience until we can get all the kinks worked out of the website, but it should be flowing smoothly this fall. The intention of the Western Waste Management Committee, and the office of the Chair, is to place project reports, committee minutes and additional information about Western regional Waste Management and the sub-regions involved within the region on the website.

Sub-Regions

The Chair of Western Newfoundland Waste Management has visited the three existing sub-regions during the past two months. During June and July, much work was done in organizing the communities within the Corner Brook and Deer Lake Sub-regions into representative elected committees so that we could move forward in those sub-regions with work that needs to be done with respect to waste management. There are now committees for all five sub-regions within Western Regional Waste Management:

- Long Range - Bellburns to Norris Point.
- Bay St. George - Gallants to Bay St. George South, including Stephenville and the Port au Port Peninsula.
- Southwest Coast - Coal Brook to Harbour Le Cou.
- Deer Lake - Bonne Bay South, Deer Lake Area, Howley and White Bay South.
- Corner Brook - North/South Bay of Islands, Corner Brook east to Pasadena.

Although the Deer Lake and Corner Brook Committees are very new and not fully organized, they are making good progress in becoming so. Also, further work must be done on formalizing the Southwest Coast sub-region committee and electing an executive in the Fall.

The Southwest Coast sub-regional committee will formalize their executive on September 7th and formally accept appointments to the committee shortly after.



Coordinator Hire

We have gone through the hiring process for the Coordinator position over the past two months and as of today we can confirm that Jason King has accepted the position. Jason comes to us with a wealth of qualifying background and considerable experience and we are delighted to have him on board. His effective start date will be Tuesday, September 6th and we are sure he will quickly adapt to the role.

This position is funded by MMSB (Multi-Materials Stewardship Board) and the functions of the coordinator will be in assisting with sub-region interim consolidations of waste disposal sites; in developing and delivering waste diversion programs; in facilitating discussions with respect to rationalizing modern waste management; together with the MMSB, to coordinate, develop and deliver waste reduction education programs; to carry out research, analyses and funding of program activities with respect to solid waste diversion issues; and, other such tasks necessary to ensure the best, most modern and cost-effective waste management program is developed for Western Newfoundland.

Technical Committee

A meeting of the Technical Committee took place on July 27. Members of the Technical Committee consist of Rhea Hutchings (chair), Tom O'Brien, Eli Bishop, Barry Spencer, Tony Oxford, Boyd Wright, Cory Grandy, Wayne Manuel and Don Downer. This committee is responsible for examining technical issues related to waste management that require more time and specialized expertise and in advising the Western Regional Waste Management (WRWM) Committee on these issues.

Our office contact information is listed below; please do not hesitate to make contact with us if you have any questions or concerns regarding Waste Management. You can also contact our office via our website www.wrwm.ca.

We shall forward updated information as we receive it.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM AUGUST 22 – SEPTEMBER 6. WE WILL RESPOND TO ANY TELEPHONE AND EMAIL MESSAGES UPON THE OFFICE'S REOPENING ON SEPTEMBER 6TH.

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