



Newsletter #6 – August 2012

Western Waste to Central

The WRWM Committee reaffirmed their intention to bring waste to Central by passing a motion at their June 28 meeting as follows: *The WRWM Committee moves that we take our waste to the Central site at Norris Arm.*

The motion separates the concept of taking waste to Central from the transportation solution, or subsidy, demand by WRWM Committee of government. The Committee, however, was adamant that they have not abandoned the demand that government provide a transportation solution if needed to keep Western waste management costs below \$200 per household per year, in line with the Eastern and Central regions. The Committee felt the focus should now be on reducing the waste stream to be trucked to Central. This could be accomplished by removing as much as possible of the wet waste and doing much more composting at household, community and sub-regional levels and also by removing much of dry waste or recyclable material, if this can be justified from a business perspective.

Western Regional Service Board

In December an application for approval of the proposed governance model for the Western Regional Service Board (WRSB) was submitted. A letter dated July 13, 2012, from Minister Kevin O'Brien was received by the WRWM office approving the recommended governance model by the WRWM Committee. The WRSB will consist of eleven regular members plus a chairperson. The WRWM Regional Service Board sub-committee, including office staff and Municipal Affairs personnel, have met and provided a guide to conduct elections, etc. using the recently amended Regional Service Board Act. We shall now prepare correspondence to all incorporated towns and LSD's in the Western Region explaining the election process. The schedule of elections will take place over a seven week period beginning the week of Oct. 1, 2012.

Long Range

Interim site operations and consolidated curb side collection/ transportation has gone to tender. Results of the tenders will be reviewed by the consultant, Hatch Mott McDonald, and the sub-regional committee at the conclusion of the tender process.

It is possible that some kind of drop off area may be maintained at the Rocky Harbour Waste Disposal Site (WDS) for construction, demolition and bulk items for the interim period to 2016. There will have to be consultation with Service Newfoundland and Labrador and Department of Environment and Conservation to determine if this is possible. Since the transfer station will ultimately be located at Rocky Harbour, there will be a need for consultants to carry out a survey to determine where this transfer station should be located. The intent is to close the Rocky Harbour waste site by October 1, 2012 and transport all waste in the sub-region to the Portland Creek waste site during the interim to 2016.



Western Hills (Deer Lake & Area, Bonne Bay S, Trout River & Howley)

Interim consolidation efforts within this Sub-Region are an ongoing process. The sub-regional committee is working with the WRWM office, in efforts to reduce the total waste stream now going to landfills and meetings have been held with Scotia Recycling regarding cardboard recycling.

White Bay South

The Hampden waste site will be closed as of September 1, 2012, by decision of the Hampden municipal council. The Mayor of Hampden will be seeking financial assistance to close their waste site and to transport waste to the Pollards Point site. The White Bay South Sub-Regional Committee has submitted a request for funding to upgrade the Pollard's Point landfill. A Scope of Work document prepared by the Department of Municipal Affairs staff was included with that request. A transfer station will be established for this area at a location to be determined, with advice from BNG consultants.

Corner Brook & Area

The Corner Brook & Area sub-region executive have now organized their sub-regional committee. A letter approving funding from the provincial government to provide stability testing and site upgrade has been received by the City of Corner Brook for the Wild Cove site. The waste site at McIvers, now serving the communities of Cox's Cove and McIvers, is expected to close within the next few months, pending the results of the stability testing.

Bay St. George-Port au Port

Complaints regarding commercial waste charges have been received and are being dealt with to the degree possible. The issue of fee structure and waste collection for cabins, while not yet solved, is being considered now. During the interim to 2016, the St. Georges sub-regional site could possibly become the waste site for Burgeo, Ramea and other smaller communities along the South Coast. Efforts to compile tonnage data and budget/operational reviews are ongoing.

Marine & Mountain (Southwest Coast)

Since the opening of the interim sub-regional site in Channel-Port aux Basques April 30th, some disagreements/ conflicts have been noted; however, the Southwest Coast waste system is operating very well. As for other areas, the issue of cabins and waste disposal fees has received and will continue to receive attention.

Burgeo/ Ramea/ Grey River

A report by BNG to government on this sub-regional waste disposal (waste site and curb side collections) has received substantial analysis by the Burgeo and Ramea Councils in a report prepared by a Burgeo councillor. The focus has been to determine impacts of the recommendations in these reports on residents. The report will be placed on the WRWM public web site www.wrwm.ca once government, and the communities involved have had a chance to review the details.