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Long Range

We hope to see a collector truck working in the sub-region before too long in collecting and hauling waste to the Portland Creek regional waste site; a draft tender has been developed and passed to the consultants. A decision will be made later in conjunction with Wayne Manuel and BAE NewPlan Group regarding the specific location of a transfer station for the sub-region. The Coordinator Jason King has been working with Brenda Biggin, chair of the sub-regional committee, to see removal of accumulated household hazardous waste (HHW) and to put an effective home HHW program in place perhaps utilizing a hazardous waste collection and removal company.

Western Hills (Deer Lake)

The sub-regional committee, chaired by Vicki O'Leary, have met several times, usually with the WRWM chair, Don Downer; coordinator, Jason King; or, Boyd Wright of Municipal Affairs present. Sheila Mercer, WRWMC member, has also been attending meetings. There is general interest in obtaining as much information as possible about the development of a Western waste management program, and the development of waste diversion and composting programs. We hope now to begin work in consolidating places like Howley into waste collection being trucked to the Deer Lake regional waste site.

White Bay South

White Bay South recently formed their sub-regional committee and, as per an agreement, the area will close out the waste site at Jackson Arm in favour of hauling waste to a regional waste site at Pollards Point. This regional site will then serve the communities of Pollards Point, Jacksons Arm, Sops Arm and The Beaches. The next step will be to determine establishment of a transfer station or direct haul location there.

Corner Brook

This sub-region has been working on establishing their boundaries and in establishing their committee structure. The sub-committee was asked by the WRWM chair to temporarily suspend establishing their boundaries until a governance model and election process to be used for the Western regional service board establishment had been decided; that objective has been accomplished and the sub-region can now proceed.

Wild Cove endangered plants have become an issue; this will likely preclude Western Regional Waste site designation if the plan to haul waste to Central is abandoned. We have been informed, however, that this will not prevent Wild Cove becoming a transfer station. Community composting is an issue especially with the establishment of the Grenfell in-vessel composting program. Coordinator Jason King will be following this process closely and assisting where he can.



Bay St. George-Port au Port

The St. George's regional waste opened January 3, 2012, and people in the area have been informed.

Two projects have been completed with assistance from government: paving around weigh scales and establishment of a hazardous waste site.

A curb side collection program is now being worked on by Western Regional Waste Management for the sub-region using one or two of the government purchased compactor trucks. Despite some set-backs, this sub-region is well along in its consolidation of waste sites and in curb side collection of waste as well.

Marine & Mountain (Southwest Coast)

Regional waste site issues are being decided in this sub-region and all communities have now decided to cooperate in the use of the regional waste site at Port aux Basques as well as in curb side collections. The incinerator at Port aux Basques is due to close shortly as are smaller waste site in the sub-region. The Southwest Coast regional waste site due to open shortly, and we are hopeful a compactor truck can be purchased, or otherwise obtained, for use in the smaller outlying communities. The truck would be operated and maintained at Port aux Basques. Significant progress has been made in this sub-region.

Burgeo/ Ramea/ Grey River

This area is now being treated as a sub-region; an invitation has been extended to attend future WRWM meetings. We hope to see the incinerator at Burgeo removed safely shortly and that plans can be developed in conjunction with Wayne Manuel of BAE NewPlan to put a plan in place for waste management in this area. A meeting took place recently between the WRWM chair and office staff with a delegation from the Ramea area lead by Mayor Lloyd Rossiter with respect to how waste could be dealt with in their town. We are hopeful that a sub-regional committee can be formed in this sub-region.

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