



Good Day,

Our office has compiled an email distribution list for communities within the Western Region in order to keep you updated on developments in Western Regional Waste Management. Could you please ensure that your town council/committee receive the information included in this email News Letter to ensure they are updated on the current status of Western Regional Waste Management.

### **Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador**

On May 4, 2011, Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador organized a session in Gander for Western representatives to meet and discuss Western Regional Waste Management. At this session, a presentation was given by our consultants, Bae NewPlan and many attendees requested that they receive a copy of this presentation.

This presentation is attached to this email in PDF format. If you have any problems with the attachment, please let us know and we shall seek an alternate form of delivery.

### **Report on Western Newfoundland Regional Waste Management Site**

At our last Western Regional Waste Management Committee meeting on May 26th, 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 will include all the research regarding the possible sites for a Western Waste Management Facility as well as 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. We expect this report to be completed and ready for distribution towards the end of the summer.

### **Central Newfoundland & Transport of Waste**

In the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, meeting, the Committee passed the following motion... "*The Western Regional Waste Management Committee agrees to transport waste to Central pending government provide a transportation solution **acceptable** to the committee.*" Please note that the committee is committed to shipping waste to Central provided the annual government transportation subsidy IS APPROVED BY GOVERNMENT AND IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMITTEE. The committee found it necessary to make this motion to allow the provincial government to begin the process of looking into a possible transportation solution for the option of shipping waste to Central. This will be an extensive process for government as it involves various branches of the provincial government, not just Municipal Affairs. If government's solution is not acceptable to the Committee members, who are representing the people of Western Newfoundland, then this option will **not** be selected by the Committee. We want all residents of Western Newfoundland to understand that the Western Regional Waste Management Committee may have been appointed by the Department of Municipal Affairs, but they represent the people of Western Newfoundland and they will not agree to a process that is not the best option for the Western Newfoundland residents, both in its cost, the environmental implications and in its efficiency.



### **Public Web Site**

The intention of the Western Waste Management Committee and the office of the Chair is to construct a public web site on which this Bae NewPlan report as well as other such public documents will be posted and to provide links to other relevant sites. We hope to have the web site up and available to the public within the next two months. The Bae NewPlan report mentioned above and other such public documents will be posted on this public web site.

### **Chair Visits to Sub-Regions**

This is also to inform you that the intention of the Chair of Western Newfoundland Waste Management is to visit the sub-regions and as many municipalities as possible during the coming weeks. The purpose of these visits is to become familiar with problems that currently exist in handling waste in the sub-regions, to seek views on proposals to handle waste from Western Newfoundland residents into the future and to engage people in a meaningful way in creation of the most modern and cost effective waste disposal program possible.

### **Coordinator Hire**

Finally, we shall hire a coordinator, funded by MMSB (Multi-Materials Stewardship Board), during the next few weeks to assist the Committee and sub-regions. The functions of the coordinator will be in developing 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 and most modern and cost-effective waste management program is developed for Western Newfoundland.

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.

We shall forward updated information as we receive it.

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