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Presentation to Government

On January 16, 2012, WRWM Committee Chair, Don Downer, and Central Regional Service Board Chair, Allan Scott, presented a request to government ministers for funding assistance if waste is transported from Western to the Norris Arm North site at Central. The highlight of this presentation was a request that a trust fund be set up to deal with cost over-runs, possible additional transportation costs incurred, and equipment replacement needs that could escalate costs per household. To date there has been no response from government.

Opening of Interim Sub-Regional Waste Sites

The Bay St. George sub-region is the first in the Western Region to open a sub-regional interim waste site. The site is located near the town of St. Georges and has been operating since January 3, 2012. The Southwest Coast will be the second sub-region in the Western Region to open a sub-regional interim waste site. The waste site will be located at Port aux Basques and will open at the end of April.

Long Range

The tender document for sub-regional waste site operations and curb side collections has now been drafted by Hatch Mott McDonald with advice from the WRWM office and Boyd Wright of Municipal Affairs. This document is now being reviewed by the Long Range sub-regional committee and will be finalized shortly. Waste during the interim period for the sub-region will be trucked to the Portland Creek sub-regional waste site. BAE-Newplan Group (BNG) are now in process of recommending a suitable location for the transfer station within this sub-region.

Western Hills

Deer Lake has now taken the lead in both sub-regional interim waste site operations and planning for possible running of full curb side collections for the whole sub-region in cooperation with the sub-regional and WRWM committees. Within this calendar year it is expected that waste from the sub-regional communities of Howley, Trout River and Bonne Bay South area will be trucked to the Deer Lake sub-regional waste site. Cormack and Reidville already truck waste to the Deer Lake sub-regional waste site. There is also substantial interest within the sub-region in composting and perhaps in cardboard collections and recycling. The sub-regional committee is working with WRWM Coordinator, Jason King, in efforts to reduce the total waste stream now going to landfills.

White Bay South

The White Bay South sub-regional committee has now taken the lead during the interim period to 2016. Waste is now being trucked from the communities of Beaches, Jacksons Arm, Sops Arm and Pollards Point to the sub-regional waste site at Pollards Point. This operation is going very smoothly. Hampden will participate in the sub-regional committee at some point as well. A transfer station will be established in the sub-region at a location to be determined, with advice from BNG consultants. A request to close out and decommission the Jacksons Arm landfill has come from the Jacksons Arm council (Mayor Claude Jones) and is now being acted upon by the WRWM office and the coordinator.



Corner Brook & Area

The Corner Brook & Area sub-regional executive are now proceeding with organizing their committee. The waste site at McIvers, now serving the communities of Cox's Cove and McIvers, will be closed within the next few months. The sub-regional waste site at Wild Cove, with some possible expansion and re-engineering, will then serve the whole sub-region until 2016. At that point Wild Cove has been recommended to become the transfer station for at least the Humber Valley; BNG consultants are continuing to refine their recommendations for transfer stations for the Western Region.

Bay St. George-Port au Port

The St. Georges sub-regional waste site is operating well and although they have experienced a few problems, for the most part, the new system is operating smoothly. The scale house at the waste site, destroyed during a storm in February, has now been replaced. The opening of the sub-regional waste site resulted in the closing of five smaller waste sites; all communities are now using the St. Georges sub-regional site. While there have been incidents recorded of indiscriminate dumping, these are being dealt with.

The transfer station is expected to be located at Bay St. George. During the interim to 2016, the St. Georges sub-regional site will likely become the waste site for Burgeo, Ramea and other smaller communities along the South Coast.

Marine & Mountain (Southwest Coast)

Through work done by the sub-regional committee and the town of Port aux Basques, all communities in the sub-region have agreed to cooperate in curbside collections and to use the government upgraded sub-regional waste site at Port aux Basques during the interim period until 2016. One of the already purchased compactor trucks in the Western region has arrived at Port aux Basques. This truck will be operated and maintained by the town of Port aux Basques for full sub-regional curbside collections and disposal at the Port aux Basques waste site. All other smaller waste sites and one incinerator in the sub-region will close.

Burgeo/ Ramea/ Grey River

The towns of Burgeo and Ramea have now formed a sub-regional committee with two representatives from each town; they expect Grey River and perhaps Francoise will eventually join. The sub-region will have one representative on the regional service board when it is formed. There is a serious need in the sub-region to address the removal of the badly deteriorated Burgeo incinerator as soon as possible. A report by BNG to government on this sub-regional waste disposal system (waste site and curbside collections) requires analysis to determine impacts of the recommendations on residents. The report will then be placed on the WRWM public web site: www.wrwm.ca.