



**Newsletter #3 – October 2011**

## **Progress Report on the Western Regional Waste Management Site**

The first phase of the *Western Newfoundland Waste Management – Progress Report* was reviewed by the WRWM Committee and the WRWM Technical Committee in their September meetings. When proper editing has been done by Bae NewPlan personnel, this first phase report will be placed on the WRWM website for the public to view. We expect the second phase of the report from Bae NewPlan during December and the third and final phase in the spring. These reports will also be made available on the WRWM website.

Bae NewPlan have also been asked to provide more definitive numbers for comparison costs between establishing a Western Newfoundland regional waste facility and the costs of transporting our waste to the Central Newfoundland regional waste facility. This will be incorporated into the second phase of the report.

## **Sub-Regions**

The Chair of Western Newfoundland Waste Management, often accompanied by the new Coordinator, Jason King, has continued visits to the various sub-regions. While the cold weather and more difficult driving conditions will cause a reduction in the frequency of those visits, the intention is to continue as often as possible. The Deer Lake and Corner Brook sub-regions are up and running well; they are organizing their committees and the executives are communicating frequently in organizing fair representation of the region. They are also developing their agendas of issues. The Southwest Coast sub-region has a new executive in place with Bonnie Muise as Chair, Ted Wall as Vice-chair and Rick Farrell as Secretary/Treasurer.

We hope to make contact with communities such as Burgeo, Ramea and Grey River during the coming weeks to determine their views on waste management and to bring these views to the attention of other communities within the larger Western Newfoundland Region.

## **White Bay South**

We are optimistic that the towns of Pollards Point, Jacksons Arm, Sops Arm and The Beaches will begin to use the Pollards Point landfill as their regional waste site in the near future; the towns are in process of inking an agreement in this regard. It is expected that the town of Hampden will join the other White Bay towns as the whole region moves forward in implementing the Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Strategy.

## **Public Website**

The Western Regional Waste Management website ([www.wrwm.ca](http://www.wrwm.ca)) is now online. We are getting more and more waste management information on the website as well as more relevant links for the education of the public on waste management issues. We are still awaiting minutes and lists of executives and committee members from the various sub-regional committees.



## **Coordinator Hire**

The Coordinator, Jason King, is settling in and finding his niche. He has been involved already in working with sub-regions with respect to the establishment of regional waste sites, waste transportation logistics, establishing executives and agendas for sub-regions, funding for waste diversion and reduction educational programs and in generally assisting sub-regions and the communities with their waste management problems and programs. He has also travelled with the Chair around the region.

## **Bay St. George Sub-Region**

Since the last newsletter, the BSG (Bay St. George) Sub-regional committee has suffered minor setbacks with the resignation of three of the four executive members - Peter Fenwick (Chair), Simeon Lee (Vice-Chair) and Vince Parsons (Secretary). In the absence of a chair, a committee meeting has been called for October 24 by Bay St. George Mayor Fintan Alexander to elect three new members of the executive and conduct other business. These three new members will join current Treasurer, Barry Noftall, to complete the executive for this committee.

We are quite optimistic that the Bay St. George sub-region will continue to make significant progress during the coming weeks. The prospects are good for the town of Stephenville to begin offering curbside waste pick-up service in much of the area with the exception of the areas immediately surrounding the waste site such as St. Georges, Stephenville Crossing, and Flat Bay. Two new compactor trucks are in process of being purchased and these will join the two trucks already in Stephenville's possession to offer this service. St. Georges will become the regional waste site for the region and it will likely become the transfer station at some point into the future.

## **Technical Committee**

A meeting of the Technical Committee took place on September 28 with the Chair, Rhea Hutchings reporting at the WRWM committee meeting the following day on their behalf. One problem that has arisen is the identification of two rare plants at the Wild Cove waste site. This will likely preclude using the Wild Cove site as a Western Newfoundland Regional Waste Facility, and it could cause difficulties in establishing Wild Cove as a transfer station for the region. We are currently working actively with Dr. Susan Squires, the government ecologist who is handling this file, to resolve this issue.

## **Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Strategy**

We have added a link on our website that will direct you to the Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Strategy document. We encourage people to review this document to get a better understanding of the goals of Western Regional Waste Management.