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TransAqua / Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission AGM highlights 2023 achievements

RIVERVIEW, N.B. – TransAqua – the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission (GMWC) – held its 2023 annual general meeting (AGM) today at TransAqua's Administration Building in Riverview.

TransAqua marked its 40th anniversary in 2023. The Commission announced that it froze the 2024 Residential Unit Rate at \$210, a rate unchanged since 2016.

The Commission replaced one Commissioner representing Dieppe and welcomed Mona Lisa Lavallée to a 4-year term. The Town of Riverview appointed Nicolas Cormier to replace Gerald Lundquist until the term expires in October 2024.

During the year, the Commission partnered with NB Power to complete an Energy Management Information System Design, update the Wastewater Heat Recovery Feasibility Study, Compost Facility Solar Power design and participated in the Peak Rebate Program. The Commission ratified its Accountability Framework Policy and approved the Bypass Pumping Strategy, Energy Management Strategy and Greenhouse Gas Inventory. The Commission unveiled its 2024-2028 GMWC Strategic Plan.

TransAqua initiated testing for PFAS (forever chemicals) in effluent and compost that are well below the federal regulator's proposed limit. TransAqua entered into a partnership with a consultant to develop a successful agricultural biosolid compost program, ensuring long-term sustainability for the agricultural community.

TransAqua's new initiatives for 2024 include the Energy Management Information System Project, maintaining a focus on asset replacement, three Regional Wastewater and Combined Sewer Overflow projects, tunnel bypass feasibility study and continuing to work with the City of Moncton to mitigate odour issues in Moncton's North End.

At the end of the 2023 AGM, a separate Commission meeting was held to elect Executive Officers. The Officers for 2024 will be Nicolas Cormier (Chair), Mona-Lisa Lavallée (Treasurer) and Jennifer Dingman (Secretary).



TransAqua / Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission (<u>www.transaqua.ca</u>) was established in 1983 to support the wastewater collection and treatment needs of the Dieppe, Moncton and Riverview tri-community. Since then, it has developed a 34.2-kilometre collection network and a treatment facility to best deliver on this mandate. It has also become a leader in the reuse of biosolids through the generation of type 'AA' compost (the highest grade currently achieved in Canada) as opposed to disposal in a landfill site.

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