

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## TransAqua / Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission AGM highlights 2022 achievements

**RIVERVIEW, N.B.** – TransAqua – the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission (GMWC) – held its 2022 annual general meeting (AGM) today at TransAqua's upgraded Administration Building in Riverview.

The Commission announced that it froze the 2023 Residential Unit Rate at \$210, a rate unchanged since 2016.

The Commission replaced one Commissioner representing Dieppe and welcomed Victor Cormier to a 4-year term. The Town of Riverview had a vacancy at the end of 2022 and appointed Nicolas Cormier to the Commission for a 4-year term in February 2023.

During the year, the Commission partnered with NB Power to complete an Energy Management Information System Feasibility Study and an Energy Treasure Hunt exercise to identify energy reduction opportunities. The Commission approved amendments to various policies and GMWC By-law No. 1.

TransAqua's Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Modernization Project was completed as of December 31, 2022. The biofilter was commissioned, the UV Disinfection Building constructed and site works such as curbing and asphalt completed. The \$90.4 million Project was delivered on time to meet the federal effluent regulations and under budget by \$1.59 million.

In November 2022, TransAqua purchased an existing compost facility approved to receive and process biosolids in South Branch, Kent County. The organization expects to transport and process biosolids at that facility between June and October of each year.

TransAqua's new initiatives for 2023 include the development of an Energy Management Strategy, Energy Management Information System Detailed Design, Detailed Energy Audit, Greenhouse Gas Study, Compost Facility Garage Solar Power Detailed Design, participating in NB Power's Peak Rebate Program, video communications (drone and safety), compost pad #4 construction and continuing to work with the City of Moncton to mitigate odour issues in Moncton's North End.

At the end of the 2022 AGM, a separate Commission meeting was held to elect Executive Officers. The Officers for 2023 will be Michel Desjardins (Chair), Jennifer Dingman (Treasurer) and Brenda Dore Kidney (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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