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TransAqua / Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission AGM highlights 2021 achievements

RIVERVIEW, N.B. – TransAqua – the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission (GMWC) – held its 2021 annual general meeting (AGM) today at the Riverview Council Chamber.

The Commission announced that it froze the 2022 Unit Rate at \$210, a rate unchanged since 2017. Ratepayers have seen an average annual rate increase of \$4.44 since 2005.

During the year, the Commission partnered with NB Power to complete a Solar Power Feasibility Study, completed a long-term Unit Rate Analysis, developed the 15-year Asset Replacement Program and received Cyber Secure Canada certification. The Commission also approved amendments to various policies.

TransAqua's Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Modernization Project (Project) construction activities in 2021 included the commissioning of Phase 4B (Biosolids Load Out Building) and began the site works (curbing, asphalt, landscaping and site lighting). Phase 4C (Biofilter) and Phase 5 (UV Disinfection) began in 2021 that will continue into 2022. In addition, as part of its ongoing effort to be accountable and transparent, the Commission invited an audit from the New Brunswick Auditor General regarding the contract award process.

The Fox Creek Wastewater Pumping Station upgrade was commissioned in 2021. TransAqua's portion of the Bourque Road Forcemain construction was also completed during the year. It will be commissioned in 2022 once a last portion is completed by a local developer. TransAqua will be focused on asset replacement over the next 15 years.

TransAqua continued to raise its community profile in 2021 and increase public awareness of its purpose and operations. Digital advertising campaigns for compost, Win your Water and Sewer Bill up to \$1,000 contest and the Three P's (Pee, Poo and Toilet Paper), weekly social media posts and daily radio advertising provided information to the public. The Commission partnered with Eco360 for a Moncton Wildcats Game Sponsorship and washroom advertising.

TransAqua's new initiatives for 2022 include the development of an Energy Management System and video communications, pipe turbine feasibility study, Infrastructure Report Card, GHG Study, new compost toilet design and working with the City of Moncton to mitigate odour issues in Moncton's North End.

Progress continues to be made in other areas of TransAqua operations. The Compost Facility reintroduced over 9,064 tonnes of compost into the community. TransAqua met its 2021 Safety Goal by resolving more than 79% of reported safety issues. Safety in the workplace is the highest priority of the Board and staff and efforts continue in this area to ensure that TransAqua provides a safe work environment for everyone.

As of December 31, 2021, the Commission spent \$77,912,599 on the WWTF Upgrade and Modernization Project. TransAqua fully utilized Infrastructure Canada funding (\$22,601,944) and can claim up to \$3,181,187 from the New Brunswick Regional Development Corporation in 2022.

At the end of the 2021 AGM, a separate Commission meeting was held to elect Executive Officers. The Officers for 2022 will be Michel Desjardins (Chair), Jean-Pierre Ouellette (Treasurer) and Brenda Dore Kidney (Secretary).

TransAqua / Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission (www.transaqua.ca) 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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