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Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission strikes strategic priorities for 2014-2018 and finalizes 2014 budget

RIVERVIEW, N.B. – For the past month, Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission (GMSC) commissioners and management have been undertaking presentations of their proposed 2014 budget and 2014-2018 strategic plan to their municipal partners in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview.

The GMSC's strategic priorities for 2014-2018 have been identified as:

1. Minimizing negative environmental impact of GMSC operations: Becoming a true environmental steward;
2. Common vision and plan with municipal and community partners: Becoming a true community partner;
3. Long-term reliability and sustainability of GMSC infrastructure: Becoming a true risk management leader;
4. Long-term financial viability and cost-effectiveness: Becoming a true financial custodian.

At the most recent Commission meeting held on Nov. 21, the 2014 budget was approved by commissioners and is being distributed to the three municipalities and the provincial Minister of Environment and Local Government.

2014's estimated revenue is \$12,259,466 which includes a 2.5% rate increase over 2013 – or about \$5 per Greater Moncton household. This is anticipated to generate an annual surplus of \$5,593,045 which the GMSC will invest toward a planned infrastructure investment of \$8,785,542 in 2014. This capital expenditure incorporates significant engineering design work to ensure GMSC can meet recent requirements under new federal legislation for mandatory secondary treatment by the 2020 deadline.



“I was encouraged by the cooperative nature and supportive feedback received by the Commission during our recent presentations to the Riverview, Moncton and Dieppe municipal councils,” said Winston Pearce, Chair of the GMSC. “We look forward to being a key partner for the municipalities and ensuring an efficient and mutually beneficial use of funds to ensure we meet new federal legislative requirements.”

The Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission 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 30-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. The organization is now positioning itself to further upgrade its facilities to provide an enhanced secondary treatment approach that will allow it to meet recently introduced mandatory federal regulations prior to the 2020 deadline.

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