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### **MONCTON TEAM LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION**

Moncton's is to be commended for the remarkable job of becoming certified after only 14 months after it signed a **letter of understanding** with the NBP to participate in the EMS program. This could not have come about without the leadership of your **Commission's Chair Ronald LeBlanc** to get involved, and **Manager of Special Projects Roland Richard** who led the effort to pursue and ultimately achieve certification. It gives me special pride on behalf of the Water Environment Federation and NBP to recognize the Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission as the **29th organization in North America to be certified** by NBP, including being the **first in CANADA and our first international organization**. You are all to be commended for your achievement.

### **MONCTON ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – CLASS A COMPOST**

When NBP was formed 13 years ago, WEF supported its mission of helping local wastewater agencies improve their biosolids management programs and to manage as "**environmental stewards**" for their community by doing more than the mandatory regulatory requirements. The EMS is an aggressive program to manage biosolids that augments regulatory requirements to help protect and enhance public health and the environment.

As many of you are aware, **sustainable green infrastructure initiatives** are being undertaken across North America and globally. Biosolids must be regarded as a recyclable resource that can be put to beneficial use. Many traditional disposal options such as landfilling and incineration are becoming less acceptable from an economic and environmental standpoint. As a result, many jurisdictions are moving quickly to develop a long-term beneficial use strategy for wastewater sludge/biosolids that is sustainable, cost-effective and environmentally acceptable. I am particularly pleased to learn the GMSC converts 100% of its biosolids product into a **Class A exceptional quality compost product** that meets and exceeds the Canadian Standard for your compost product.

### **NBP SEAL OF APPROVAL – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

The **Seal of Approval** recognizes that the Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission has met all of the requirements of certification for admittance into the NBP EMS program. The independent audit verified that the Greater Moncton:

- has an effective biosolids environmental management system that supports continually improving environmental performance
- augments existing regulatory compliance obligations,
- utilizes good biosolids management practices, and
- creates meaningful opportunities for public participation

In addition to promoting excellence and continuous improvement, it is our hope that this EMS program will enhance the public's understanding and acceptance of biosolids as a valuable natural resource.