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Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission continues to evolve its structure; commits to long-term capital investments to further enhance its wastewater treatment activities

RIVERVIEW, N.B. – The Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission (GMSC) remained very active in 2013.

Significant inroads were made in regards to overhauling the organizational structure and internal managerial and financial capabilities as a result of recommendations flowing from a human resources study and report by Battah & Associates.

In May 2013, the GMSC received an all-encompassing report entitled “Wastewater Conveyance Asset Development and Ownership Study – Preparing the Commission for its Next 30 Years,” commissioned from Richard F. Gabbey of Crandall Engineering Ltd. The report addressed and made recommendations regarding all aspects of the organization from its legal structure and governance, to its cost-recovery model and jurisdiction/limits.

Since that time, the Commission has been investing significant effort into reviewing and – where appropriate – implementing these recommendations in order to ensure long-term issues are addressed and that it positions itself to best deliver on its mandate for municipal ratepayers.

From the financial perspective, the Commissioners have deemed it imperative that funds be put aside for use as part of its capital program to ensure it meets new federal effluent regulations prior to the 2020 deadline.

“I am pleased to confirm that, in 2013, the GMSC was able to move \$11.2 million to its capital reserves to be used for our planned biological treatment upgrade project to meet secondary treatment regulation requirements,” said GMSC Chair Winston Pearce. “Over the past year, we were also able to generate more than \$400,000 in interest on our investments and bring our capital reserves to more than \$26.7 million as we prepare for major investments over the next decade.”



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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