

CENTRAL NF WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Over the past few years people and communities have become more aware of and are demanding better quality waste management programs. Today citizens of almost every community are looking for re-cycling programs and environmentally friendly landfill sites with composting. Unfortunately, many communities are just not able to achieve this goal due to population and financial capability but over the past two years several communities and groups of communities have applied for funding under the Multi Material Stewardship Board (MMSB) for studies on better waste management for their area.

2. In 2000, these communities and several others came together under the umbrella of the Newfoundland & Labrador Federation of Municipalities (NLFM) to form an organization called the Central Newfoundland Waste Management Committee. Some work was done and several meetings were held giving a good indication of the support in this region. Most of the planning and work was then suspended while the Newfoundland Government conducted it's roundtable discussion and report on Environmental Protection and Waste Management. Since this report recommends regional waste management and re-cycling programs, the Central Committee proceeded with an application for funding under the MMSB for a study to review the entire area.

3. The Central Newfoundland Waste Management Committee is advocating the implementation of regional landfill/recycling centres spaced strategically throughout the province. One town by itself does not have the population or tax base to establish an engineering landfill with the recycling process built in. Without the economics of scale, it would be just too expensive. If the entire region were involved, it may be economically viable.

4. The Central Newfoundland Waste Management Committee worked diligently for the past year to be prepared prior to the year 2010 for the new Provincial Waste Management Strategy that was announced last year. As you know in that strategy the were:
 - divert 50 percent of the materials currently going to disposal by 2010
 - reduce the number of waste disposal sites by 80 percent
 - eliminate open burning at disposal sites by 2005 and phase out the use of incinerators by 2008
 - phase out use of unlined landfill sites by 2010 and
 - full province-wide modern waste management by 2010

5. The Committee represents approximately 110 communities and an area of approximately 30,000 square kilometers with travel distances as much as 300 kilometer. As you can imagine, this presents considerable strain on volunteers and small communities trying to support them. The Multi Material Stewardship Board has provided funding for Phase I in the amount of \$75,000.00 which is the amount required by Bae-Newplan to complete the study. All other associated costs are to be supplied by the communities in the region.

6. Just recently members of the committee traveled to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to get a first hand appreciation of the size of waste management facilities and to discuss operation concerns and costs and to learn from those who are already managing those facilities.

7. Major Activities

S Funding approval from the MMSB in the amount of \$75,000 to complete Phase I study on November 14, 2001.

S Phase I awarded to Bae Newplan after a call for proposals on February 22, 2002 .

S Phase I Study completed on November 30, 2002.

S Major decisions made as a result of the Study:

(ii) That we use one (1) landfill site off the T.C.H. in the Lewisporte/Norris Arm Area

(ii) That a two- stream wet/dry system of collection be used.

(iii) Seven transfer stations be set up in the Central NL region.

S Funding approved for Phase II (Final) study by the MMSB on December 5, 2002 in the amount of \$ 279,000.

S A \$100,000 loan approved by Municipal Affairs to help the committee with travel and operating expenses.

S Bae-Newplan approved to continue as the consulting engineers in November, 2002.

S Phase II Study due to be completed by November, 2003.

S Since the committee began eight (8) public meetings have been held in various locations around the region from Gander to Summerford.

S Eleven (11) Executive and Technical meetings held.

To conclude, Central Newfoundland Waste Management Committee is very interested in taking recycling and landfill management to a new level. To ensure success, Government must be on side with seed money, some capital contributions, and through enforcement of appropriate legislation and we must have all communities in this region participating.

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