

USER FEE STRUCTURE FOR APRIL 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2014 REGIONAL INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT ROBIN HOOD BAY

On October 24, 2012 the Eastern Regional Service Board (ERSB) reviewed and adopted the 2013 budget for the ERSB Waste Management System and the user fee structure that will be in effect from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 at the Regional Integrated Waste Management Facility located at Robin Hood Bay. For this period, the fee for materials landfilled at the Regional Facility will be \$67.60 per metric tonne and \$20.00 per metric tonne for recyclable materials. This is a slight increase in user fees from 2012 and reflects an increase of 3.2% based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Newfoundland and Labrador. In the future, users of the regional system can expect that fees will be adjusted as a result of the application of the annual change in CPI each year. Any changes in the services offered across the regional system will also impact the user fees.

The full budget for the ERSB will be available on our website www.easternwaste.ca by November 16, 2012.

We would like to emphasize that residents do not pay fees (directly) to use regional infrastructure such as Waste Recovery Facilities, the Residential Drop-Off, or Household Hazardous Waste sites/services. These facilities and services are free as long as residents comply with the requirements for these facilities/services.

To meet Eastern Regional Service Board's commitment to provide public drop-off areas, Waste Recovery Facilities (WRF) have been constructed in Placentia, St. Joseph's, Bay Bulls, Renews-Cappahayden, Old Perlican and Sunnyside. Four (4) additional WRF sites are proposed in the following locations:

- Whitbourne area (exact location TBD)
- Cavendish – former landfill site
- Harbour Grace – former incinerator site
- Clarenville Transfer Station (exact location TBD)

The Residential Drop-Off (RDO) and WRF sites are open to any resident of the Eastern Region. The RDO is open Tuesday to Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The WRFs are open Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m., except the Renews-Cappahayden WRF which is open Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities and services are open to all residents in the Eastern Region. Communities can collect HHW material within their communities and bring these to the HHW facility at the Regional Integrated Waste Management Facility at Robin Hood Bay for proper disposal. The HHW facility will have enhanced service hours in 2013 and will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

The ERSB offered 14 mobile HHW collections days across the region in June of 2012. By working in partnership with local volunteer fire departments we brought HHW collection services to communities that had never offered the service in the past. We hope to partner with as many as 30 volunteer fire departments in 2013 to further expand the service. If your volunteer fire department is interested in being considered for this event in 2013, please contact us for further information.

In 2012, the ERSB provided weekly curbside/roadside waste collection services to 18,000 households and businesses across the region with 87% of these having biweekly collection of recyclables. This means that over half of the residents in the Eastern Region have access to curbside/roadside collection services. The plans to close 35 of the 42 community landfills in the region have been successfully implemented.

We have included a survey for communities as part of a strategic planning process for the Eastern Regional Service Board. We would appreciate your assistance and feedback on this and other matters that affect the implementation of the *Provincial Waste Management Strategy* in your community.

For any questions regarding the tipping fees or the budget for the Eastern Regional Service Board, please call (709) 579-7960.

Sincerely yours,
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