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Eastern Regional Service Board opens new Waste Recovery Facility in the Town of Whitbourne

June 24, 2016 – Today, the Eastern Regional Service Board, (Eastern Waste Management) will open its newest Waste Recovery Facility in the eastern region. The Whitbourne facility, located Old Brigus Road, begins operations on Saturday, June 25 at 9 a.m. An official opening took place on Friday June 24 at 11 a.m. The Whitbourne facility will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m and a site attendant will guide and monitor the public using the facility.

“Our Eastern Waste Management division has been the preferred provider of waste collection services in the Placentia, St. Mary’s and Trinity Bay South area since 2010. This new facility for bulk household waste will provide residents with an additional option to dispose of bulk garbage,” explained Ed Grant, Chairperson of the Eastern Regional Service Board, “The facility will complement the weekly collection and annual bulk collection events and provide a convenient and free option to discard unwanted bulk household garbage.”

This facility will become the tenth facility in the regional network of Waste Recovery Facilities. Waste Recovery Facilities are for residential drop off of any item that does not fall within the guidelines of weekly curbside waste collection. This includes appliances, furniture, mattresses, hot water tanks, electronics, metals, propane tanks, car and truck tires (rims removed), ATV tires, construction and demolition material, shingles, brush, etc. There will be no charge for residents to drop off items at these sites. Like all Waste Recovery Facilities across the region, these facilities are residential only.

“The Provincial Waste Management Strategy is an important part of our government’s commitment to the environment”, said the Honourable Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA for the District of Placentia-St. Mary’s. “By providing people in the region with free and convenient access to bulk disposal we will help deter illegal dumping, protect our water supplies and keep the environment clean.”

This site will also become the site of the Eastern Regional Service Board depot and maintenance yard for its fleet of municipal equipment. Within the next year construction of the depot building and garage is expected to start.

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About Eastern Regional Service Board

The Eastern Regional Service Board was established by the Province and is responsible for the planning of waste management for the Eastern Region under the Provincial Waste Management Strategy. ERSB provides a formal partnership among the communities stretching from the Avalon Peninsula and reaching as far as Clarenville and

Random Island. Its role is to facilitate the modernization of the waste management system in the Eastern Region that is sustainable. This involves the establishment of an integrated waste management service allowing the 163 communities of the Eastern Region to close 42 landfills and focus diversion efforts on the single Regional Integrated Waste Facility located at Robin Hood Bay in St. John's.

In addition, to waste management the Province has also mandated the ERSB to provide a pilot program with 13 communities to improve drinking water quality and to prepare for future waste water management requirements. The first objective of this program is to reduce the number of communities operating under boil water advisories. This is part of the Community Sustainable Partnership initiative announced as part of Budget 2015.

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