

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting #106

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Comfort Hotel, St. John's, NL

In Attendance: Chairperson Stephen Tessier
Vice Chairperson Mayor Danny Breen
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
LSD Chairperson Wesley Drodge
Mayor Hilda Whelan
Councillor Carl Ridgeley
Councillor Jamie Korab
Councillor Glenn Clarke
Councillor Bill Antle
Councillor Nathan Ryan
Mayor Mark Vardy
Mayor Rod Delaney
Councillor Jill Bruce
Councillor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Ian Froude
Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary

Regrets: Councillor Maggie Burton
Councillor Ophelia Ravencroft
Councillor Gerard Tilley
Councillor Larry Vaters

Other Attendees: Ms. Lynn Tucker
Mr. Craig Drover
Ms. Christie Dean
Ms. Holly Power

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Tessier, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was tabled for approval.

MOTION 2023-030

Moved By Mr. Clarke

Seconded By Ms. O’Leary

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as tabled.

Carried Unanimously

3. **Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were tabled for review and approval.

MOTION 2023-031

Moved By Mr. Delaney

Seconded By Mr. McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from the March 29, 2023 meeting be adopted as tabled.

Carried Unanimously

4. **Committee Reports**

a) Finance & Audit Committee

Mr. Hickman, Committee Chair, delivered the Finance and Audit Committee report.

1. **Board Expenditures**

Board expenditures for the month of March 2023 were tabled for review and approval. There were no questions or concerns.

MOTION 2023-032

Moved By Mr. Hickman

Seconded By Mr. Antle

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adopt the expenditures for the month of March 2023 as tabled.

Carried Unanimously

2. Incorporated Towns Payment Activity Report

An update on the incorporated towns' payment activity dated April 10, 2023, was provided. There were no questions or concerns.

3. Q1 Financial Update Report

Mr. Hickman referred to the briefing note that was included in the meeting package.

He noted that the Board is in excellent standing for the first quarter of 2023 with expenses at less than 25 percent and revenues at 43 percent.

The Committee was pleased with the Board's overall performance for the first quarter and commended staff for their great work.

4. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Tender Award

Mr. Hickman referred to the briefing note that was included in the meeting package.

He explained that there will be 17 HHW events held throughout the Eastern region this year and that there is a 29 percent increase in the tender cost over last year's tender.

MOTION 2023-033

Moved By Mr. Hickman

Seconded By Mr. Delaney

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board award the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Transportation and Disposal Services contract for 2023 to GFL Environmental Services Inc. for the value of \$57,715.00 (plus HST).

Carried Unanimously

b) Strategy & Policy Committee

Mr. Korab, Committee member, delivered the Strategy and Policy Committee report.

1. Regional Water/Wastewater Operator Pilot Program Funding

Mr. Korab was pleased to report that that province has extended the funding for the Regional Water/Wastewater Operator Pilot Program to March 31, 2024.

A copy of the letter from the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs was included in the meeting package for member's information and review.

MOTION 2023-034

Moved By Mr. Korab

Seconded By Mr. Ridgeley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts the Special Assistance Grant from the provincial government in the amount of \$80,000 to assist with the continuation of the Regional Water/Wastewater Operator Pilot Program from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

2. Implementing Clear Garbage Bag Policy Effective January 1, 2024 – Update

Mr. Korab referred to the briefing note that was included in the meeting package.

He noted that a draft letter and pamphlet have been created to announce the policy change and to explain the rationale for moving to the use of transparent or clear garbage bags. A copy of each of these documents was included in the meeting package.

In addition, Mr. Korab reminded members that these materials were sent to all members by email several weeks ago and they were asked to review and provide comments or suggestions. He encouraged everyone to review these documents if they haven't already done so and to provide feedback.

Once these materials are finalized, they will be sent to all communities in the region, published on our website, distributed through joint councils, and advertised on community channels. These materials will begin the communications campaign to ensure that residents are aware of this policy change beginning January 2024.

In addition, staff will make the necessary changes to the Board's Service Delivery Policy document and will bring the revised policy statement back to the Board for formal adoption.

3. Update the Board's Service Delivery Policy for Waste to Include Guidelines for Disposal and/or Use of Refrigerators, Freezers and Other Items that Could Trap a Child or Animal

Mr. Korab referred to the briefing note that was included in the meeting package for members' review.

He reported that the Committee is recommending the Board update its guidelines and Service Delivery Policy to include that refrigerators, freezers, and other items that could trap or harm a child or animal will not be:

- a) Accepted curbside for bulk collection without the owner first removing the door(s) and taking adequate precautions to prevent any person or animal from being trapped; and,
- b) No curbside waste and/or recyclables will be collected from refrigerators or freezers as these are not deemed an acceptable method for the storage of curbside waste.

The Committee reviewed the guidelines and by-laws adopted by other municipalities across the province and country and all have similar policies in place.

To begin implementing this change, staff were asked to produce an information pamphlet that outlines the new policy, its rationale, and the guidelines going forward so that waste collectors and/or the Board's staff may

attach the information to non-compliant receptacles. Time will be provided to customers to replace the non-compliant receptables with acceptable bins.

Once the policy statement has been updated it will be brought forward to the Board for formal adoption.

c) Governance Committee

Mr. McDonald, Committee Chair, delivered the Governance Committee report.

1. Board Members Professional Development: SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Annual Conference, Yellowknife, June 13-16, 2023

Mr. McDonald reminded members that a motion was adopted at the Board meeting in February that stated the Chair, and two Board members would attend each of the recommended professional development events this year.

The SWANA Northern Lights Conference is being held in Yellowknife in June and members were surveyed for interest in attending. Three members expressed interest in this event; however, two of the interested members had already traveled on behalf of the Board in the past, and one member withdrew their application due to unforeseen circumstances. Therefore, Mr. McDonald once again requested that any member who is interested in attending this event should send their expression of interest to the CAO.

The committee will make its final decision at their next meeting and will report at the May Board meeting who is attending this event.

2. Joint Council Report

Mr. McDonald referred to the briefing note that was provided in the meeting package for members' information.

An update on the Joint Councils across the Eastern region was provided and it was noted that the Board's support for the Joint Councils remains positive.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

7. **New Business**

a. Meeting with Town of George Brook-Milton, April 3, 2023 – Update

Mr. Tessier reported on a meeting that was held with the Town of George's Brook-Milton on April 3, 2023. He noted that the discussion included the location and rotation of HHW events; recycling collection guidelines; operational concerns at the Clarendville Transfer Station; and requests for more educational materials.

In addition to a positive and constructive meeting, the Chair was pleased to provide the Town with information and links to the MMSB and their public education materials, their Illegal Dumping Surveillance Assistance Program, and funding opportunities.

In closing, the Town's current waste collection was discussed, and they were invited to consider returning to the Board's regional service.

b. Report of Fire at Placentia Waste Recovery Facility – March 31, 2023

Members were notified of a fire that took place at the Board's waste recovery facility on Fox Harbour Road on March 31, 2023. Mr. Tessier was pleased to report that no one was hurt, and the fire destroyed approximately 50 non-MMSB tires and rims that were on site. The

Fortunately, the Board's staff had recently cleared the site of most other materials.

Following the fire, staff reported the event to Digital Government and Service NL as per the Board's Certificate of Approval to Operate these sites.

In addition, a report was made to the RCMP and staff await a report from the Placentia Fire Department who responded to the fire.

c. OnBoard Meeting Software Training Reminder

Board Members were reminded of the new Meeting Management Software that will be in place for next month's meeting. Those that have not replied to the Board's Clerk regarding the training sessions were encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

8. **Roundtable Discussion**

- a. Mr. Korab wished everyone a Happy Administrative Professionals Day.
- b. Mr. Ryan noted that the Town of Ferryland looks forward to hosting next month's public Board meeting.
- c. Ms. Tucker informed the Board that Staff are working on the HHW Event dates and locations which is expected to be ready real soon. Once complete, Staff will share the information as quickly as possible to allow communities to share the info themselves creating more awareness and higher participations rates.
- d. Mr. Breen reminded Members of the Home Again program that is supported at Robin Hood Bay. Any gently used furniture and household items that are brought to the Residential Drop Off (RDO) is encouraged to be placed in the bins provided so they can be rehomed to someone in need.

Mr. Tessier thought this program should be expanded and should be looked into further to see how the Eastern Regional Service Board may be able to provide support and/or participate in the program.

- e. Ms. Dean informed the Board that new waste contracts will be starting soon and with that, comes changes in collection calendars. These changes will be advertised and promoted as much as possible through email, the Board's website, Twitter, etc. to ensure a smooth and hassle-free transition.
- f. Ms. O'Leary noted that April 22nd was recognized as Earth Day. She shared some interesting facts with Members on environmental impacts, but most interesting was that recycling rates have increased drastically since the City of St. John's introduced the Clear Bag program and mandatory recycling. The hope is that the Eastern region will follow suit once the Board implements the Clear Bag policy in 2024.
- g. Mr. Tessier commented on the Provincial Government's recent news release regarding Regionalization and his virtual meeting with Minister Howell on the same. He proposed that the Board create a sub-committee to discuss regionalization, how it will affect the Board and strategically plan for the next 10 years. It is important for the Board to be a part of this plan and

partner with key stakeholders in the early stages to be as effective and efficient as possible.

9. **Upcoming Meetings**

Board members were reminded of the following Board and Committees Meetings:

- a) The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Ferryland.
- b) The next meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.
- c) The next meeting of the Strategy & Policy Committee will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.
- d) The next meeting of the Governance Committee will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

10. **Adjournment**

MOTION 2023-035

Moved By Mr. Ryan

Seconded By Mr. McDonald

Seeing no further business to be discussed, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Ms. Holly Power

Board Clerk and Outreach Coordinator

Mr. Stephen Tessier

Chairperson

Eastern Regional Service Board

BNK2 - Bank of Montreal - EW [1060-0002]

Cheques from 0000000001 to 0000011311 dated between 03-01-2023 and 03-31-2023

CHEQUE REGISTER

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0000011229	03/01/2023	Big Erics Inc.	245.55	A/P	CLEARED	03/09/2023
0000011230	03/01/2023	Brandt Tractor Ltd.	228.39	A/P	CLEARED	03/09/2023
0000011231	03/01/2023	Christie Dean	1,246.58	A/P	CLEARED	03/21/2023
0000011232	03/01/2023	Coish's Trucking & Excavating Ltd.	17,895.50	A/P	CLEARED	03/14/2023
0000011233	03/01/2023	CTT Tirecraft	337.11	A/P	OUT-STD	03/01/2023
0000011234	03/01/2023	D&L Russell Limited	10.34	A/P	OUT-STD	03/01/2023
0000011235	03/01/2023	Dodd's Diesel Repair Ltd.	13,147.71	A/P	CLEARED	03/09/2023
0000011236	03/01/2023	Eastcom Inc.	321.88	A/P	CLEARED	03/24/2023
0000011237	03/01/2023	GB Signs	23.00	A/P	CLEARED	03/17/2023
0000011238	03/01/2023	Jenkins Anthony Inc.	7,054.36	A/P	CLEARED	03/09/2023
0000011239	03/01/2023	K.J.H. Dirtwork's Ltd.	1,610.00	A/P	CLEARED	03/14/2023
0000011240	03/01/2023	Kal Tire	39.56	A/P	CLEARED	03/16/2023
0000011241	03/01/2023	Kevin McDonald	120.53	A/P	CLEARED	03/21/2023
0000011242	03/01/2023	Lynn Tucker	2,986.81	A/P	CLEARED	03/22/2023
0000011243	03/01/2023	McInnes Cooper	345.00	A/P	CLEARED	03/14/2023
0000011244	03/01/2023	Miller IT Limited	768.66	A/P	CLEARED	03/09/2023
0000011245	03/01/2023	Newfoundland Power Inc.	1,513.00	A/P	CLEARED	03/09/2023
0000011246	03/01/2023	Newfoundland Exchequer Account	231.00	A/P	CLEARED	03/10/2023
0000011247	03/01/2023	Nexgen Municipal Inc.	1,811.78	A/P	CLEARED	03/17/2023
0000011248	03/01/2023	Northern Business Intelligence	339.20	A/P	CLEARED	03/14/2023
0000011249	03/01/2023	OMB Parts & Industrial Ltd.	93.57	A/P	CLEARED	03/13/2023
0000011250	03/01/2023	ORKIN Canada Corporation	194.35	A/P	CLEARED	03/17/2023
0000011251	03/01/2023	Parts For Trucks Inc.	73.78	A/P	CLEARED	03/13/2023
0000011252	03/01/2023	Paul Butt Memorial Fund	100.00	A/P	CLEARED	03/24/2023
0000011253	03/01/2023	Pat Singleton	2,616.25	A/P	OUT-STD	03/01/2023
0000011254	03/01/2023	Pinnacle Office Solutions Ltd.	196.86	A/P	CLEARED	03/10/2023
0000011255	03/01/2023	Quikprint Services Ltd.	426.49	A/P	CLEARED	03/10/2023
0000011256	03/01/2023	Robert Earle	171.03	A/P	CLEARED	03/16/2023
0000011257	03/01/2023	T2 Ventures Inc.	198,127.02	A/P	CLEARED	03/08/2023
0000011258	03/01/2023	Wesley Drodge	340.36	A/P	CLEARED	03/14/2023
0000011259	03/15/2023	62167 Newfoundland and Labrador Inc	7,380.30	A/P	OUT-STD	03/15/2023
0000011260	03/15/2023	A1 Glass	201.25	A/P	CLEARED	03/21/2023
0000011261	03/15/2023	Bell Aliant	2,208.13	A/P	CLEARED	03/24/2023
0000011262	03/15/2023	Bell Mobility Inc.	1,193.43	A/P	CLEARED	03/27/2023
0000011263	03/15/2023	City of St. John's	29,015.10	A/P	CLEARED	03/22/2023
0000011264	03/15/2023	Concord Enterprises Inc.	4,858.75	A/P	CLEARED	03/24/2023
0000011265	03/15/2023	Craig's Locksmithing & Auto Glass	1,558.25	A/P	CLEARED	03/27/2023
0000011266	03/15/2023	D&L Russell Limited	12.64	A/P	OUT-STD	03/15/2023
0000011267	03/15/2023	Dodd's Diesel Repair Ltd.	3,502.97	A/P	CLEARED	03/21/2023
0000011268	03/15/2023	Harbour Construction Limited	4,275.14	A/P	CLEARED	03/22/2023
0000011269	03/15/2023	Harbour ELECTRIC Ltd.	137.92	A/P	CLEARED	03/29/2023
0000011270	03/15/2023	Holly Power	241.50	A/P	CLEARED	03/17/2023
0000011271	03/15/2023	Kevin Butt	50.42	A/P	CLEARED	03/22/2023
0000011272	03/15/2023	Leslie Squires	440.00	A/P	CLEARED	03/21/2023
0000011273	03/15/2023	Newfoundland Power Inc.	6,212.98	A/P	CLEARED	03/21/2023

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0000011277	03/15/2023	Shred-it c/o Stericycle ULC	97.37	A/P	CLEARED	03/27/2023
0000011278	03/15/2023	Stephen Tessier	376.88	A/P	CLEARED	03/28/2023
0000011279	03/15/2023	Tulk Tire & Service Ltd.	1,239.61	A/P	CLEARED	03/21/2023
0000011283	03/29/2023	Bell Aliant	2,268.23	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011284	03/29/2023	Blaketown Service Station	1,046.50	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011285	03/29/2023	Christie Dean	6,194.32	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011286	03/29/2023	Coish's Trucking & Excavating Ltd.	17,895.50	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011287	03/29/2023	Dalton Occupational Therapy Services	218.75	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011288	03/29/2023	De Lage Landen Financial Services Canada Ltd.	398.48	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011289	03/29/2023	Dodd's Diesel Repair Ltd.	75,278.36	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011290	03/29/2023	Dodd's Diesel Repair Ltd.	10,501.65	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011291	03/29/2023	Harris Ryan	11,500.00	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011292	03/29/2023	Hi Tech Scales Ltd.	431.31	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011293	03/29/2023	Holly Power	59.46	A/P	CLEARED	03/30/2023
0000011294	03/29/2023	Kevin Butt	35.99	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011295	03/29/2023	Lynn Tucker	601.23	A/P	CLEARED	03/30/2023
0000011296	03/29/2023	Newfoundland Power Inc.	1,543.58	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011297	03/29/2023	Nexgen Municipal Inc.	140.42	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011298	03/29/2023	Northern Business Intelligence	1,768.47	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011299	03/29/2023	OMB Parts & Industrial Ltd.	225.72	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011300	03/29/2023	Parts For Trucks Inc.	354.51	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011301	03/29/2023	Passageways Inc.	13,000.00	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011302	03/29/2023	Pike's Pro Hardware & Building Supplies	63.07	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011303	03/29/2023	Pinnacle Office Solutions Ltd.	172.33	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011304	03/29/2023	Modern Business Equipment Limited	225.48	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011305	03/29/2023	Princess Auto	141.85	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011306	03/29/2023	Quikprint Services Ltd.	3,014.25	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011307	03/29/2023	Stephen Tessier	723.62	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011308	03/29/2023	Tulk Tire & Service Ltd.	5,392.35	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
0000011309	03/29/2023	WAJAX (Power Systems)	2,092.08	A/P	OUT-STD	03/29/2023
Total Issued (79):			\$591,926.10			
Total Voided (0):			\$0.00			
Grand Total:			\$591,926.10			
Number of Cheques Listed:			79			

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD

PAYROLL EXPENSE

MARCH 2023

Payroll – Staff (<i>2 pay periods – 27 employees</i>).....	\$134,325.97
Payroll – Board (<i>20 members</i>)	<u>\$00,000.00</u>
Total Payroll (<i>27 employees</i>)	\$134,325.97
Payroll CRA Remittance	<u>\$47,557.27</u>
TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	<u>\$181,883.24</u>

PREVIOUS MONTH

FEBRUARY 2023

Payroll – Staff (<i>2 pay periods – 27 employees</i>).....	\$133,903.95
Payroll – Board (<i>20 members</i>)	<u>\$00,000.00</u>
Total Payroll (<i>27 employees</i>)	\$133,903.95
Payroll CRA Remittance	<u>\$ 47,262.93</u>
TOTAL GROSS PAYROLL	<u>\$181,166.88</u>

TOWNS PAYMENT ACTIVITY 2023 - As of April 10, 2023											
(Towns include all incorporated towns and those LSDs who pay collectively)											
CustCode	Town/Local Service District	Number of Units	Number of Units x \$200.00	Prior Year (Credit) Arrears *	Total Invoiced	Payments/ Adjustments	Arrears	Over 30 Days Past Due	Over 60 Days Past Due	Current Balance	
LSDOF201	LSD of Georgetown	131	\$26,200	\$0	\$26,200	\$6,550	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,650	
LSDOF202	LSD of Marysville	240	\$48,000	\$800	\$48,800	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,800	
TOWN0003	Town of Clarke's Beach	609	\$121,800	\$0	\$121,800	\$121,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOWN301	Town of Come by Chance	118	\$23,600	\$0	\$23,600	\$23,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOWN302	Town of Norman's Cove-Long Cove	333	\$66,600	\$0	\$66,600	\$13,320	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,280	
TOWN303	Town of Chapel Arm	253	\$50,600	\$0	\$50,600	\$15,180	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,420	
TOWN304	Town of Southern Harbour	184	\$36,800	\$0	\$36,800	\$11,040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,760	
TOWN305	Town of Sunnyside	205	\$41,000	\$0	\$41,000	\$12,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,700	
TOWN502	Town of Chance Cove	148	\$29,600	\$0	\$29,600	\$8,880	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,720	
TOWN503	Town of Arnold's Cove	535	\$107,000	\$0	\$107,000	\$32,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,900	
TOWN0203	Town of Colliers	293	\$58,600	\$0	\$58,600	\$17,580	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,020	
TOWN0205	Town of Holyrood	1095	\$219,000	\$5,000	\$224,000	\$5,000	\$54,750	\$0	\$54,750	\$219,000	
TOWN0401	Town of Aquaforte	70	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$3,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,350	
TOWN0402	Town of Bay Bulls	633	\$126,600	\$20	\$126,620	\$37,986	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$88,634	
TOWN0403	Town of Cape Broyle	277	\$55,400	-\$83	\$55,317	\$16,595	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,722	
TOWN0404	Town of Fermeuse-Kingman's Cove	179	\$35,800	\$0	\$39,380	\$12,710	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,670	
TOWN0405	Town of Ferryland	272	\$54,400	\$0	\$54,400	\$13,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,800	
TOWN0407	Town of Renew's-Cappahayden	234	\$46,800	\$0	\$46,800	\$8,775	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,025	
TOWN0408	Town of St. Shott's	50	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500	
TOWN0410	Town of Witless Bay	744	\$148,800	\$0	\$148,800	\$37,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$111,600	
TOWN0411	Town of Portugal Cove South	92	\$18,400	\$0	\$18,400	\$5,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,600	
TOWN0504	Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington H	194	\$38,800	\$0	\$38,800	\$11,640	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,160	
TOWN0505	Town of Fox Harbour	134	\$26,800	\$0	\$26,800	\$8,040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,760	
TOWN0507	Town of St. Bride's	139	\$27,800	\$0	\$27,800	\$6,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,850	
TOWN0508	Town of Point Lance	47	\$9,400	\$0	\$9,400	\$2,350	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,050	
TOWN0509	Town of Branch	161	\$32,200	\$0	\$32,200	\$8,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	
TOWN0510	Town of Mount Carmel-Mitchell's Brook-St	299	\$59,800	\$0	\$59,800	\$14,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,850	
TOWN0511	Town of St. Joseph's	107	\$21,400	\$0	\$21,400	\$5,350	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,050	
TOWN0512	Town of Admiral's Beach	82	\$16,400	\$0	\$16,400	\$4,920	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,480	
TOWN0514	Town of Colinet	75	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	
TOWN0601	Town of Whiteway	163	\$32,600	\$0	\$32,600	\$9,780	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,820	
TOWN0602	Town of Heart's Delight-Islington	464	\$92,800	\$0	\$92,800	\$37,120	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,680	
TOWN0603	Town of Heart's Desire	139	\$27,800	\$3,000	\$30,800	\$9,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,560	
TOWN0802	Town of Bay de Verde	221	\$44,200	\$14,056	\$58,256	\$4,420	\$22,896	\$0	\$22,896	\$53,836	
TOWN0804	Town of New Perlican	162	\$32,400	\$0	\$32,400	\$9,720	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,680	
TOWN0805	Town of Hant's Harbour	193	\$38,600	\$0	\$38,600	\$6,433	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,167	
TOWN0806	Town of Heart's Content	239	\$47,800	\$0	\$47,800	\$11,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,850	
TOWN0807	Town of Winterton	295	\$59,000	\$14,750	\$73,750	\$29,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,250	
		9809	\$ 1,961,800	\$ 37,543	\$ 2,002,923	\$ 601,730	\$ 77,646	\$ -	\$ 77,646	\$ 1,401,193	

* Each of the Towns with outstanding balances have been contacted.

TOWNS ACTIVITY - INVOICED MONTHLY (Jan - Dec 2022)											
CustCode	Town/LSD	No. Properties	Prior Year Balance	Total Invoices 2023	Payments Received	Arrears	Over 30 Days Past Due	Over 60 Days Past Due	Outstanding Balance		
TOWN0001	Town of Carbonear	2175	\$ -	\$ 129,475	\$ 96,177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,298		

2023 TOTAL OUTSTANDING INCORPORATED TOWNS	\$ 1,434,491.37
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PAD* Set up for pre-authorized debit payments
 SPAR** Special Payment Arrangement in Place

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD
BRIEFING NOTE / REPORT

TITLE:	Q1 Financial Update Report
MEETING DATE:	2023-04-26
TO:	Board / Finance & Audit / Strategy & Policy / Governance
PREPARED BY:	Craig Drover, Director Corporate Services
REVIEWED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer
APPROVED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- No recommended action as report for information only.

MOTION:

No motion required as report for information only

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

- Salaries and Benefits are slightly below budget to March 31st at 21.2%.
- Almost all budget categories are around budget for Q1. Some are unexpectedly low and this could be a result of the timing of invoices, especially with vehicle repairs and professional services.
- Overall Operating expenditures as at March 31st were 16.8% of budget.
- Overall revenue receipted as at March 31st was 42.8% of budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Q1 2023 Budget vs Actual Report

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD

2023 ACTUAL VS BUDGET AS AT MARCH 31

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	% Budget Used
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EXPENDITURES

Salaries			
Chair/Board Member Remuneration	\$ 100,000	\$ -	0.0%
Salaries (Corporate Administration)	\$ 742,315	\$ 174,443	23.5%
Salaries (Regional Waste Operations)	\$ 1,273,862	\$ 269,706	21.2%
Salaries (Water)	\$ 55,000	\$ 15,937	29.0%
Sub-total	\$ 2,171,177	\$ 460,087	21.2%

Benefits			
Employment Insurance	\$ 36,493	\$ 7,499	20.6%
CPP	\$ 101,916	\$ 25,658	25.2%
WHSCC	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,002	54.0%
Health & Life Benefits	\$ 29,705	\$ 8,481	28.6%
RRSP	\$ 128,858	\$ 23,613	18.3%
Sub-total	\$ 346,972	\$ 92,254	26.6%

Transportation & Communications			
Board/Committee Local Travel & Meetings (mileage & expenses)	\$ 31,500	\$ -	0.0%
Telephone	\$ 31,500	\$ 9,986	31.7%
Staff Local Travel (mileage & expenses)	\$ 11,000	\$ 6,920	62.9%
Professional Development (Board)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0.0%
Sub-total	\$ 104,000	\$ 16,906	16.3%

Supplies			
Insurance	\$ 174,000	\$ -	0.0%
Office Expenses	\$ 88,000	\$ 18,178	20.7%
Bank Charges	\$ 44,100	\$ 13,150	29.8%
Sub-total	\$ 306,100	\$ 31,328	10.2%

Purchased Services Administrative			
Audit	\$ 37,838	\$ -	0.0%
Professional Development Staff	\$ 49,500	\$ 4,015	8.1%
Communications	\$ 50,000	\$ 151	0.3%
Professional Services-Legal,HR,IT,Engineering,etc.	\$ 140,000	\$ 38,741	27.7%
Sub-total	\$ 277,338	\$ 42,906	15.5%

Property, Furnishings & Equipment			
Office Space (gross lease, Majors Path)	\$ 86,000	\$ 20,078	23.3%
Computer Software/Software Licensing	\$ 28,800	\$ 3,814	13.2%
Photocopier Fees	\$ 4,410	\$ 4,038	91.6%

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	% Budget Used
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 19,000	\$ -	0.0%
Sub-total	\$ 138,210	\$ 27,930	20.2%

Regional Operations & Waste Recovery Facilities

Snow Clearing - All WRF	\$ 50,944	\$ 22,307	43.8%
Site Maintenance - All WRF	\$ 60,000	\$ 8,879	14.8%
Old Perican WRF (TCNWM)	\$ 251,275	\$ 39,264	15.6%
Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	\$ 604,476	\$ 23,297	3.9%
Whitbourne Depot Utilities and Phones	\$ 60,000	\$ 21,051	35.1%
Sub-total	\$ 1,026,695	\$ 114,798	11.2%

CLARENVILLE REGIONAL TRANSFER STATION

Utilities/phone	\$ 45,000	20,478	45.5%
Site Maintenance	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,282	5.7%
Vehicle Maintenance and Operations	\$ 332,009	\$ 100,000	30.1%
Tipping Fees At Regional Landfill for CTS	\$ 462,870	\$ 96,764	20.9%
Sub-total	\$ 879,879	\$ 219,524	24.9%

HOUSEHOLD HAZDORDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

HHW Collection Contract and Fire Dept	\$ 87,228	\$ -	0.0%
Sub-total	\$ 87,228	\$ -	0.0%

CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Tipping Fees Expense	\$ 1,568,625	\$ -	0.0%
Contracted Services	\$ 2,531,675	\$ 591,732	23.4%
Sub-Total	\$ 4,100,300	\$ 591,732	14.4%

WATER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM

Sub-Total	\$ 25,000	\$ 3,896	15.6%
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FIRE PROTECTION

Sub-Total	\$ 98,438	\$ -	0.0%
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TRANSFERS TO RESERVE

Regional Capital Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Curbside Capital Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Operational Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	% Budget Used
Sub-Total	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,561,337	\$ 1,601,361	16.7%
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ERSB CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
WRF Development	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Regional Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Sub-Total	\$ -	\$ -	0%

TOTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL	\$ 9,561,337	\$ 1,601,361	16.7%
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REVENUE			
Waste Collection Fees	\$ 4,525,800	\$ 2,031,471	44.9%
Provision for Bad Debt	\$ (90,000)	\$ -	0.0%
Clareville Transfer Station Tipping Fees/Permit Fees/Etc.	\$ 318,447	\$ 343	0.1%
Transportation Charges - Clareville Transfer Station	\$ 86,250	\$ 463	0.5%
Fire Protection Services Fees	\$ 105,000	\$ 11,764	11.2%
Recyclable Metals and Electronics	\$ 160,840	\$ 40,104	24.9%
Interest Invoiced	\$ 90,000	\$ 6,738	7.5%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 40,000	\$ 200	0.5%
Regional Landfill Tipping Fee Derived	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	50.0%
Provincial Capital	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Reserve Funding	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0.0%
Water / Wastewater Program	\$ 75,000	\$ -	0.0%

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD

BRIEFING NOTE / REPORT

TITLE:	Household Hazardous Waste Tender Award for Eastern Region
MEETING DATE:	2023-04-26
TO:	Board / Finance & Audit / Strategy & Policy / Governance
PREPARED BY:	Christie Dean, Director Operations
REVIEWED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer
APPROVED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends award of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection, Transportation and Disposal Services contract to GFL Environmental Services Inc. for the value of \$57,715.00 (plus HST).

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance & Audit Committee recommends that the Board award the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Transportation and Disposal Services contract for 2023 to GFL Environmental Services Inc. for the value of \$57,715.00 (plus HST).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

- The tender for 17 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events to be held in the Eastern region in June and September closed on April 5, 2023.
- One bid was received from GFL Environmental Services Inc. in the amount of \$66,372.25 (including HST). The per event rate is \$3,904.25 (including HST). This is an increase of 29% from 2022 for both the tender and the per event pricing.
- In 2022 the contract was awarded to GFL Environmental Services Inc. (formerly Revolution Environmental Solutions LP) in the amount of \$51,612.00 (including HST). The per event rate was \$3,036.00 (including HST).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bid Form

Eastern Regional Service Board

Closing Date and Time:

Wednesday April 5, 2023 – 11:00pm

Tender Description:

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Eastern Regional Service Board (ERSB)

Invitation to Tender

HHW Event

Company	Base Bid	HST	Tender Total
GiFL Environmental Services Inc.	57,715.00	8657.25	66,372.25
(Per Event = \$3395 + HST)			



Witness



Christie Dean

Director of Operations

LYNN TUCKER

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for
the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.
My commission expires on December 31, 2023



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Municipal and Provincial Affairs
Office of the Minister

DOC/2023/00474-02

March 8, 2023

Stephen Tessier, Chairperson
Eastern Regional Service Board
255 Majors Path, Suite 3
St. John's, NL A1A 0L5

Dear Mr. Tessier:

Re: Special Assistance Grant, Project #17-SAG-23-064

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs has approved a **Special Assistance Grant** in the amount of **\$80,000.00** to assist with the continuation of the Regional Water/Wastewater Pilot Program for 2023-2024.

A payment in the amount of \$80,000 will be requisitioned with the Department of Finance and will be forwarded to your organization. Funds are repayable to government if not used in accordance with the purpose for which these funds have been approved.

Please retain all supporting documentation related to the utilization of this grant as Departmental officials may request it at a later date. If supporting documentation for the grant is required, you will be contacted accordingly.

Sincerely,

HON. KRISTA LYNN HOWELL, MHA
District of St. Barbe - L'Anse aux Meadows
Minister

cc: Bren Hanlon, Assistant Deputy Minister

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD
BRIEFING NOTE / REPORT

TITLE:	Clear Garbage Bags – Messaging Plan
MEETING DATE:	2023-04-26
TO:	Board / Finance & Audit / Strategy & Policy / Governance
PREPARED BY:	Will Hilliard, Communications Coordinator
REVIEWED BY:	Craig Drover, Director Corporate Services
APPROVED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No recommended action. For information purposes only.

MOTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

- Multi-platform materials are being developed with consistent messaging for communicating to communities the shift to the use of clear garbage bags for January 2024.
- A letter announcing the policy change has been drafted for distribution to regional mayors and chairpersons.
- The letter will be accompanied by a one-page pamphlet, explaining the rationale for using clear bags and how to use clear bags and privacy bags.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to community partners
- Clear Bags—the Next Big Step’ handout

--, 2023

Dear Mayor, Chairperson and Staff,

The Eastern Regional Service Board will be shifting to clear bags beginning January 1, 2024. This is the next big step we will have to take together with all stakeholders in modernizing waste management in the Eastern Region.

Going forward, household bag limits will not change. Customers will have an option to place one 'privacy' bag out for collection each week along with their clear bags or they may use all clear bags for all their non-recyclable discards. Clear bags have been in use in Central Newfoundland since 2015, Western and Mount Pearl since 2017, and St. John's since 2022.

Studies show that using clear bags encourages recycling. This reduces both the amount of waste going to the landfill and the cost paid to dispose of the material we collect from the more than 100 communities we serve around the region. Currently, it costs \$89 for each tonne of garbage taken to Robin Hood Bay and \$27 for each tonne of recyclables. Increasing recycling will ensure effective use of the fees collected from communities.

Using clear bags helps protect the collectors, who can see and avoid any sharp or dangerous objects in the bag. Clear bags also help keep inappropriate materials from going to the landfill, such as electronics and household hazardous waste, especially batteries.

Although we are a year away from implementing clear bags, there is no better time to start than right now. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in getting the message out to your residents and encouraging everyone to get involved in keeping our community clean and healthy and protecting the environment.

Sincerely,

Clear Bags—the Next Big Step

In January 2024...

we're shifting to clear bags. The next big step towards modernizing waste management in the Eastern Region. Next year, we start asking everyone to place their regular household waste out for collection in clear, see-through garbage bags. Apart from one 'privacy' bag every household will have the option to use each week.

Central Newfoundland started using clear bags in 2015, Western Newfoundland and Mount Pearl in 2017, and St. John's in 2022.

Why clear bags?

Clear bags help protect the environment and keep collectors safe and your collection fees low.

The truth is that we're still placing too many recyclable materials in our trash bins rather than in blue bags where it belongs. Electronics and household hazardous waste materials such as batteries and solvents often get in there too.

Studies show that using clear bags encourages recycling. This reduces both the amount of waste going to landfill and the cost paid to dispose of the material we collect from the more than 100 communities we serve around the region. Keeping operating costs down helps us continue keeping your collection fees low.

Very importantly, using clear bags helps protect the collectors, who can see and avoid any sharp or dangerous objects in the bag.

How to use them

Bag limits will not change. Privacy bags are for items you may not want others to see and can be black or any colour non-see-through garbage bag placed out alongside your clear bags or placed inside a clear bag (**see directions on back**).

A better way

Using clear bags is a better way and there's no better time to start than now. Most grocery and home supply stores carry a selection of standard-sized clear waste bags and blue bags are readily available.

And with no limit on the number of blue bags you can curb on your recycling day, imagine the difference we could make if we tried our best to fill them with mixed plastic and metal containers and paper and cardboard. The more blue bags you use, the fewer clear bags you will use.

The Eastern Regional Service Board is giving advance notice so we can answer any questions or concerns you may have.



We encourage the use of blue bags. Recycling is a way we can all help protect the environment. There's no limit to the number of blue bags you can curb on recycling day. The more blue bags you fill, the fewer clear bags you will use.

To see what you can and cannot recycle, check our website or ask us to email a recycling checklist to you.

Privacy Bag

Maximum 1 per week

Put any waste items you would like to keep 'private' and for others not to see in an opaque (non-see-through) waste bag.

Privacy bags can be black, white, greens, orange or any colour opaque bag.

Clear Bags

Bag limit, including 1 privacy bag per week

Place loose garbage in a clear bag.

If you place smaller bags inside a clear bag, for example from a kitchen or bathroom waste bin, the smaller bags must also be clear and see-through.



Courtesy City of St. John's

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD

BRIEFING NOTE / REPORT

TITLE:	Update the Board's Service Delivery Policy for Waste to Include Guidelines for Disposal and/or Use of Refrigerators, Freezers and Other Items That Could Trap a Child or Animal
MEETING DATE:	2023-04-26
TO:	Board / Finance & Audit / Strategy & Policy / Governance
PREPARED BY:	Christie Dean, Director of Operations
REVIEWED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer
APPROVED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff suggests that the Committee update the Board's Service Delivery Policy for Waste to include guidelines for the disposal and/or use of refrigerators, freezers and other items that could trap a child and/or animal.

MOTIONS:

N/A

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

- Staff suggests that the Board update its established guidelines and Service Delivery Policy to include that refrigerators, freezers and other items that could trap a child or animal will not be:
 - Accepted curbside for bulk collection without the owner first removing the door(s) and taking adequate precautions to prevent any person or animal from being trapped; and,
 - No curbside waste and/or recyclables will be collected from refrigerators or freezers as these are not deemed an acceptable method for the storage of curbside waste.
- Other municipalities in Canada have guidelines or by-laws that prohibit the use of refrigerators and freezers for example:
 - Halifax By-law S-600; Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law: Restrictions on bulky items: For safety reasons, please remove any refrigerator and freezer doors that have latches.

- Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 659 deals with the collection of “refrigerator, freezer, clothes washer or dryer, dishwasher, ice box, or similar appliance or container in which a child or animal could become trapped.” It prohibits “the disposing of an appliance or container in a place that is accessible to children/animals without first removing the doors and taking adequate precautions to prevent any person or animal from being trapped.”
- The City of St. John’s Sanitation Regulations, By-law 1637 (2021) (d) where a bulk item contains a door, lid, latch, or movable surface permitting access to the inside, the bulk item shall not be placed for collection unless the door, lid, latch, or movable surface has been removed.
- Staff suggests that the Strategy & Policy Committee update the Board’s Service Delivery Policy for Waste to include guidelines for the disposal and/or use of refrigerators, freezers and other items that could trap a child and/or animal.
- Staff will produce an information pamphlet/leaflet outlining these guidelines that staff/waste collectors may attach to non-compliant garbage boxes.
- The Board’s website would be updated, communities emailed, and a Tweet developed.

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD (ERSB)

BRIEFING NOTE / REPORT

TITLE:	Board Members Professional Development – SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Annual Conference, Yellowknife, June 13-16, 2023
MEETING DATE:	2023-04-26
TO:	Board / Finance & Audit / Strategy & Policy / Governance
PREPARED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer
REVIEWED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer
APPROVED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It was recommended at the Committee meeting that two Board members attend the SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Annual Conference taking place in Yellowknife, June 13-16, 2023. However, following the meeting one of the Board members withdrew interest; therefore, the recommendation is that the Chair attend this conference.

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governance Committee recommends that the Board send one Board member to the SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Annual Conference taking place in Yellowknife, June 13-16, 2023.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

- Each year the Board identifies possible professional development opportunities for members.
- The Board's professional development annual budget for 2023 is \$30,000.
- The SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Annual Conference takes place in Yellowknife from June 13-16, 2023.
- Four members expressed interest in attending this conference.
- Two of those who expressed interest have attended professional development events on behalf of the Board in the past. Please see table on page 2.
- The Board's Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Operations will attend this conference.

- At the Committee meeting it was recommended that the Board send two members to the 2023 SWANA conference in Yellowknife. The two members approved were the Chair, Steve Tessier, and Director Wesley Drodge.
- Following the meeting Mr. Drodge withdrew his interest in attending this event; therefore, the recommendation is for the Chair to attend.

**EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
2023**

Member	Yellowknife - Jun 2023
Tessier, Stephen	X
Drodge, Wesley	X
McDonald, Kevin *	X
Burton, Maggie *	X

**Denotes those who have attended and/or been approved to attend prior events for ERSB*

*Maggie Burton attended SWANA WasteCon in 2018

*Kevin McDonald attended SWANA WasteCon in 2022

EASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE BOARD
BRIEFING NOTE / REPORT

TITLE:	Joint Councils Update
MEETING DATE:	2023-04-26
TO:	Board / Finance & Audit / Strategy & Policy / Governance
PREPARED BY:	Holly Power, Board Clerk and Outreach Coordinator
REVIEWED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer
APPROVED BY:	Lynn Tucker, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No recommended action. For information purposes only.

MOTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

- The Southern Shore Joint Council (SSJC) last met on Thursday, April 6th.
- The SSJC was pleased to hear of a partnership between Memorial University and MNL on an Environmental Engineering Pilot Project specific to their region. Many have registered for an information session in hopes of getting their communities involved in the first phase of the project.
- The SSJC are also struggling with the ongoing issue of illegal dumping. They are interested in having a presenter to come in and discuss the topic at a future meeting.
- The Conception Bay North Joint Council (JCCBN) held their last meeting on Thursday, March 30th. The group continues to advocate for a Mental Health Mobile Crisis Response Unit for the region and plans to have a form letter created and signed by all municipalities to help lobby the Provincial Government for this initiative. Eastern Health and the RCMP have already partnered and are ready to proceed.
- The JCCBN were pleased to welcome the first local service district to participate in the joint council to this meeting. The LSD of Freshwater will be an excellent asset to the group. It is always positive to see growth and awareness for the joint council.

- The Northeast Avalon Joint Council (NEAJC) continues to meet on the second Wednesday of every month with the last meeting being held on April 12th.
- This meeting had an excellent turnout from delegates and elected government officials. A presentation by Mr. Charles Bown, CEO, MMSB was very well received.
- Following a meeting in the Smith Sound and Isthmus area with community representatives on April 3rd, there was an excellent response to the proposal of reconvening the joint council in that area. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on May 1st which will consist of an election of officers in hopes of setting a routine and regular schedule for this group.
- Mr. Tony Wakeham, MHA and candidate running for the Leader of the PC Party of NL joined all joint council meetings this month with intentions of campaigning for the position. This was very well received by all groups with excellent conversation and feedback as a result.
- There has been interest in St. Mary's Bay and the Southwest Avalon area to re-establish their joint council. The Board Clerk will work on this and reach out to the communities in the area in the coming months.
- All MHAs, RCMP, RNC, MPs and other delegates will continue to receive ongoing invitations to joint council meetings throughout the Eastern Region as communication and working together is key.