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Eastern Regional Service Board Taking Measures to Keep Employees and Residents Safe During COVID-19 Pandemic

St. John's, NL – The Eastern Regional Service Board (ERSB) is taking measures to proactively help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce risks to employees, contractors, and the public.

Following advice from public health officials and aligning with Government's social distancing measures, ERSB has taken the following actions:

- Waste Recovery Facilities are closed, effective March 26, 2020. This applies to the Bay Bulls, Cavendish, Clarenville, Old Perlican, Harbour Grace, Placentia, Renews-Cappahayden, St. Joseph's, Sunnyside, and Whitbourne Waste Recovery Facilities. The Robin Hood Bay Landfill Site and Clarenville Waste Transfer Station remain open for commercial customers.
- In an effort to help businesses impacted by COVID-19, the tipping fee increase scheduled to come into effect next month at both the Robin Hood Bay Regional Landfill and the Clarenville Transfer Stations has been deferred until August 1, 2020.
- All Bulk Garbage Collections in areas serviced by ERSB are cancelled until further notice to help protect contractors and ensure proper social distancing requirements are met.
- ERSB's office at 255 Majors Path has been closed to the public. Front counter service is available by appointment only by calling 579-7960. Customers also have access to flexible payment options by phone and online.
- ERSB meetings are being held via teleconference until further notice and minutes are posted to our website.

"There is nothing more important to us than our customers, our communities, and our people. Health and safety are always priorities for our teams, now more than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves," said Harold Mullooney, Chairperson, Eastern Regional Service Board. "We understand these closures and service disruptions are challenging for many of our customers. We will continue to monitor the situation and will return to normal operations as soon as it is safe to do so."

ERSB is continuing to monitor the situation closely and is posting regular updates on its website, www.easternregionalserviceboard.com.

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