Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy Review

MNL Northern/Western Regional Meeting

Deer Lake, NL

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Strategy Review Announced

- On February 19th then Minister of MAE Graham Letto publically announced the Terms of Reference for the review of the 2002 Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy
  - https://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/waste_management/index.html

- Ann Marie Hann (Lead)

- December 31st reporting deadline

Terms of Reference Topics

1. Waste diversion
2. Delivery of waste management
3. Standards and technology
4. Economic and employment opportunities
5. Public education
6. Governance
7. Legislative Review

Engagement and Consultation Plan

- Do not have a mandate or resources to review and/or solve all issues since 2002
- Focus will be on “high level” policy trends, challenges and opportunities to advance waste management at the local, regional and provincial levels
- Build on past work; also jurisdictional reviews
- Heavy reliance on support and cooperation from major system players (e.g., RSBs, local WMAs, MMSB, Provincial Gov’t, Indigenous Groups)
- Public/Stakeholder Consultation
- Organizing/Assessing the Issues
  - Local/region/sector specific issues – targeted engagement
  - Provincial or system-wide issues - broader engagement approach (e.g., MNL)

Issues To Think About

- Overall objective of review is to determine how to move forward in WM balancing environmental and economic/affordability considerations
- New programs needed if we are to achieve 50% waste diversion goal – E.g.,
  - Packaging and printed paper; organic waste/composting
  - Recycling – Make mandatory? More focus on ICI and CRD waste diversion?
- Operational Delivery of Strategy
  - How factor in NL diverse geography and small/remote populations
  - Centralized disposal sites (on the island); Labrador its own solutions
    - Do we have the right regional WM alignment?
    - Improved system comes with new costs – What's affordable? How do we define "affordable"?

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Issues To Think About (Cont'd)

- Operational Delivery (Cont'd):
  - How assure equity between all regions if one size does not fit all?
    - Should we implement one provincial WM fee of all?
    - Provincial policy for cabins in unincorporated areas on unserviced roads?
- Education
  - How do get increased public support on the importance of proper WM?
- Governance
  - What are the opportunities for more cooperation across communities and regions?
  - Regional Service Board vs Municipality legislative authority for WM?

Discussion

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THANK YOU!

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