

Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy Review

Professional Municipal Administrators Convention

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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 Consultation
- Organizing/Assessing the Issues
 - Local/region/sector specific issues - local engagement
 - Provincial or system-wide issues - targeted engagement (e.g., PMA, MNL)

Issues To Think About

- Overall objective of Review 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
 - Diverse geography and small populations
 - Centralized disposal sites (on the island); Labrador its own challenges
 - Improved system likely to come with new costs - Affordable? How do we define “affordable”?
 - Equity between all provincial regions if one size does not fit all?

Issues To Think About (Cont'd)

- Operational Delivery (Cont'd):
 - Do we need a provincial policy for cabins in unincorporated areas on unserviced roads?
- Education
 - How do we get increased public support on the importance of proper waste management?
- Governance
 - Do we have the right provincial management/oversite structure for the amount of waste volume generated provincially?
 - What are the opportunities for more cooperation across communities and regions?
 - Regional Service Board vs Municipal authority in waste management?

Contact Us

THANK YOU!

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