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## **Funding Announced for Burin Peninsula Waste Management Initiatives**

The Burin Peninsula Waste Management Corporation received support today of \$375,000 to assist with the continued development and implementation of waste management plans for the region. The funds are being provided over a three-year period and come from the Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Trust Fund administered by the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB).

"The trust fund supports regional progressive waste management practices in Newfoundland and Labrador and, in doing so, plays an important role in ensuring the environmental sustainability of our province," said the Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation. "The Burin Peninsula Waste Management Corporation will utilize this funding to maintain momentum in the development and implementation of their waste management plans."

The schedule for advancing the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy calls for full province-wide modern waste management by 2020.

"The regional authorities are diligently working to keep plans moving forward ensuring that key milestones are met along the way towards full implementation of the provincial strategy," said the Honourable Dianne Whalen, Minister of Municipal Affairs. "I am very pleased to see the strategy advancing in this area of the province."

MMSB supports the implementation of the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy by providing funds to the regional committees so they can undertake research and develop long-term, sustainable plans for a more environmentally responsible and progressive waste management system throughout their region of the province. This new system will see the introduction of recycling programs and other important waste diversion initiatives throughout the region.

"Continuing to work with the regional waste management committees, such as the one on the Burin Peninsula, is extremely important to the waste management process," said Leigh Puddester, MMSB Chair and Chief Executive Officer. "Our continued support is necessary if we are to successfully meet our long-term objectives, ultimately ensuring a clean and healthy environment throughout Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy identified a regional approach as the most cost-effective and environmentally-responsible means of addressing the province's waste management needs over the long-term, especially in rural areas.

Cyril Dodge, Chair of the Burin Peninsula Waste Management Corporation, is appreciative of the funding and the continued support by MMSB, the Department of Municipal Affairs, and the Department of Environment and Conservation. "With these instrumental funds now in place, it is our aim that within the next three years, we will have a regional facility in operation, with all residents and businesses of the Burin Peninsula following the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy."

MMSB is a provincial Crown agency that reports to the Minister of Environment and Conservation. Its mandate is to support progressive waste management practices in the province, with a particular focus on waste diversion, recycling and public education. The MMSB is also responsible for providing start-up planning and organizational development support to the 15 regional waste management authorities that will enable them to implement modern waste management systems throughout the province.

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