

## NEWS RELEASE

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**Riverview, New Brunswick December 12, 2016**—Quality water is integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities. Improvements to the TransAqua Wastewater Treatment Facility will mean cleaner water flows into one of New Brunswick’s most valued bodies of water, which is enjoyed by boaters, recreational fishers, and local residents. Preserving the Petitcodiac River will support tourism, protect public health and ensure the river remains a recreational hub for Canadians and their families for years to come.

The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Deputy Government Whip and Member of Parliament for Moncton–Riverview–Dieppe, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and the Honourable Roger Melanson, President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Trade Policy, today announced more than \$45 million in federal-provincial funding for the project.

Work involves adding a secondary level of wastewater treatment to allow the facility to meet current standards of the federal *Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations* and reduce the amount of waste being released into regional waterways. Residents of Riverview, Moncton and Dieppe will benefit from a more reliable shared wastewater system and cleaner water in the Petitcodiac River, ensuring this natural playground can be enjoyed by residents and tourists for years to come.

The governments of Canada and New Brunswick are each contributing \$22.6 million to this project, representing 50 percent of the estimated \$90.4 million total eligible project cost. The remaining funding will be provided by TransAqua.

### Quotes

“The Government of Canada recognizes that wastewater treatment infrastructure is essential to maintaining clean waterways and building sustainable communities. We are committed to collaborating with our regional partners to ensure communities have the strong infrastructure foundation they need to develop their economies and grow the middles class. It’s thanks to projects like this that we will build the Canada of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and ensure a high quality of life for generations to come.”

*The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Deputy Government Whip and Member of Parliament for Moncton–Riverview–Dieppe, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

"I am very pleased with this investment in the greater Moncton area. Specifically, the impact it will have in Riverview. Investments such as these allow our communities to continue to grow while ensuring a clean environment for the future"

*Alaina Lockhart, Member of Parliament for Fundy Royal*

"Targeting smart infrastructure investments to produce long-term prosperity and strengthen communities will have a lasting positive impact on the quality of life of all residents. Our government's investment in this important wastewater treatment facility project will improve the management of combined sewer overflows and help us better protect our environment."

*The Honourable Roger Melanson, President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Trade Policy, on behalf of Hon. Donald Arseneault, Minister responsible for the Regional Development Corporation*

"Due to the collaboration between TransAqua and all levels of government, who have made this major Wastewater Treatment Upgrade and Modernization Project the highest priority regional infrastructure project in the Greater Moncton Area, this funding will allow TransAqua to comply with the Canadian Environmental Protection Act and the Fisheries Act by the end of 2020. This funding announcement will greatly enhance the protection of the Petitcodiac River with a goal for our effluent to meet the Guidelines for Canadian Recreational Water Quality, improve public health and safety, stabilize the wastewater treatment rate and stimulate the economy through the construction sector including ongoing post construction service industry work."

*David Muir, Chair of TransAqua*

## **About TransAqua**

TransAqua, the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission ([www.transaqua.ca](http://www.transaqua.ca)) was established in 1983 to support the wastewater collection and treatment needs of the Dieppe, Moncton and Riverview tri-community. Since then, it has developed a 31-kilometre collection network and a treatment facility to best deliver on this mandate. It has also become a leader in the reuse of bio-solids through the generation of type 'AA' compost (the highest grade currently achieved in Canada) as opposed to disposal in a landfill site. The organization is now positioning itself to further upgrade its facilities to



provide an enhanced secondary treatment approach that will allow it to meet recently introduced mandatory federal regulations prior to the 2020 deadline.

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