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TransAqua proud to be a finalist in the 2015 Business Excellence Awards' Environmental Excellence and People's Choice categories

RIVERVIEW, N.B. – TransAqua – the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission – is proud to be one of the finalists in the environmental category for the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Business Excellence Awards. The awards will be given out at a gala event at Casino New Brunswick in Moncton on Oct. 29.

"It is particularly gratifying to be nominated in the environmental category this close to World Rivers Day on September 27," said Kevin Rice, General Manager of TransAqua. "We have worked very hard from day one to do our part in ensuring the good health of the Petitcodiac River watershed. Through the planned \$81-million upgrade of our wastewater treatment facility in Riverview, we will meet new federal standards by 2020. The quality of our effluent will be greatly enhanced, allowing us to further help keep the aquatic environment clean."

TransAqua also operates a compost facility in Moncton which mitigates the biosolids removed from the wastewater treatment process. "We could truck away these biosolids for incineration or to the landfill, however we made a strategic environmental decision to deal with them locally," Mr. Rice says. "Today, we produce some of the best compost in Canada, which we then provide free of charge to local residents and municipalities for use in landscaping and gardening."

TransAqua is also looking at ways to recover heat from wastewater in order to reduce its energy costs. A pilot project is currently underway to perfect the process.

"The health of the Petitcodiac River and its watershed is very important to the residents of Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview," Mr. Rice says. "We are committed to doing everything we can to ensure that the effluent that goes back into the river is as clean as possible and that the remaining biosolids are put to good use."

TransAqua Chair Winston Pearce was equally pleased with the nomination. “We are honoured that the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce recognizes TransAqua’s dedicated efforts toward a healthy environment for us all,” Mr. Pearce said. “At this time, I would like to thank the entire team at TransAqua, including our hard-working staff, our dedicated board of directors and our various suppliers and stakeholders for making this possible.”

For more information on the Greater Moncton Excellence Awards, visit the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce’s website at www.gmcc.nb.ca.

About TransAqua

TransAqua, the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission (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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