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## **Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission becomes the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission**

**RIVERVIEW, N.B.** – The Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission has changed its name to the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission. The organization is now positioning itself to further upgrade its facilities to provide an enhanced secondary treatment approach via a biological treatment process that will allow it to outperform recently introduced mandatory federal regulations prior to the 2020 deadline.

“The word sewerage was outdated,” said Commission Chair Winston Pearce. “What we treat is wastewater. Our focus is on treatment rather than the pipes. Although changing the English version of the name may seem subtle, it does allow us to start shifting the focus from what enters our system to what the output of our treatment process is, namely generating cleaner water. As for the corporate name in French, we simply shortened it for easier use as we prepare for future development.”

A provincial order-in-council established the Greater Moncton Sewerage Commission in 1983 to support the wastewater collection and treatment needs of the Dieppe, Moncton and Riverview tri-community. Prior to this time approximately 80 sewage pipes discharged directly into the Petitcodiac River. Since its formation, the Commission has developed a 35-kilometre collection network and a treatment facility to best deliver on this mandate.

The Commission has also become a leader in the reuse of biosolids through the generation of type ‘AA’ compost (the highest grade currently achieved in Canada) as opposed to disposal in a landfill site.

Furthermore, on April 14, P3 Canada launched its sixth round of funding with ‘wastewater treatment’ as one of its targeted sectors. The Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission will be submitting an application for consideration for funding and participation under this program.

The Commission continues to increase its focus on the environmental and community aspects of its activities and given how much has changed over its first 30 years, felt it was also an opportune time to start the evolution of its community brand and signature. Further announcements on this are scheduled for the fall.

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