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TransAqua, the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission, to hold annual general meeting on March 24

RIVERVIEW, N.B. – TransAqua, the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission, announced today that its annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday, March 24, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Dieppe Arts and Culture Centre, 331 Acadie Ave., Dieppe.

Commission members will update the community on what was achieved over the course of 2015 and what is on the horizon for 2016 and beyond, including the \$91-million upgrade to TransAqua's wastewater treatment plant in order to meet new federal regulations by 2020. The upgrade will be one of the largest municipal infrastructure projects in Greater Moncton's history and will significantly improve the effluent quality from TransAqua's wastewater treatment facility into the Petitcodiac River.

Residents of Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview are invited to attend the event, as well as environmental organizations, suppliers and any other interested stakeholders and citizens.

"Every year, we look forward to this formal opportunity to meet with the public and stakeholders, said Winston Pearce, Commission chair. "We would also like to remind residents and stakeholders that we are always available for tours and presentations. Tours of our wastewater treatment facility in Riverview and our compost facility in Moncton can be very interesting and educational. People are always amazed at the tremendous amount of science behind what we do."

"We strive to provide stewardship that will have a positive impact on for our environment, the communities we represent and the people who live here," he said. "As part of this stewardship, the AGM provides us with an opportunity to provide open and transparent information about how we're investing the money we receive from ratepayers in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview."

The AGM will feature presentations and updates by the Commission on its activities in 2015 and a look at what can be expected in 2016 and future years. Questions from the public and the media are welcome. Financial results for 2015 will also be released at that time.

About TransAqua

TransAqua / 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 biosolids 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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