

\$100,000 Upgrade Needed at MRP

By Maurice Rees

In his report to Colchester council, Scott Fraser, Interim Director of Solid Waste, suggested to council it is anticipated the Production Systems assembly line may need a PLC upgrade of a complete panel replacement which would cost in excess of \$100,000. The line constantly is shutting down and needs to be manually reset.

In other areas of the report, Fraser indicated the facility successfully participated in a bottle caps pilot for a wastewater process system. He said, "We were told we "outperformed" the other participants in the pilot for collections".



Some modifications to production mixes at the plant which will improve efficiency in processing and aim to improve marketability of the material recovered. Production for the last few months was: December, 804 produced and marketed, 858; January, 1,104 produced and 786 marketed, while in February production was 918, with 1,379 being marketed.

He added, "The recycling markets are at an all time low worldwide, Colchester has been able to continue to market materials at a higher value than the average MRF. This doesn't mean there isn't an impact on our facility from declining commodity prices, but it does mean we typically have outperformed the market in pricing".

For the period of January to December 2019 the total tonnage of garbage to be processed on the tip floor was 19,536.81 metric tonnes. There were 279.21 tonnes of incoming material sent to the tip floor that was reported as construction material. There

was 593.38 metric tonnes of construction materials total pulled out on the tipping floor and diverted to the C&D site. The sludge and grit went directly to the cell for disposal.

This left the remaining 18,799.86 metric tonnes of material processed through the baler which resulted in 18,504 bales of garbage being placed in our landfill cell in 2019. The break down and amount of materials, in tonnes, sent to the landfill was Household, 4,507.04; Commercial, 12,686.65; Construction, 279.21; MRF Residuals, 1,917.23; Sludge, 0.00; Grit, 143.57; Paint Swap, 0.00 and Volunteer, 3.11 for a 2019 total of 19,536.81 tonnes.

Diversion Plays Major Role at County Balefill

By Maurice Rees

Diversion plays a major role at the Balefill Facility according to Interim Director of Solid Waste, Scott Fraser, with recyclables of 8,435.99 metric tonnes are processed at the Materials Recovery Facility while organic waste of 7,611.61 metric tonnes is processed at the Colchester Compost Facility.

Wood volume of 1,428.88 metric tonnes is both diverted directly, as well as, pulled off of the tip floor, stockpiled and chipped to be shipped away and used as a fuel source or landscape material. Scrap

metal amounting to 221.37 metric tonnes is also either diverted directly or pulled off the tip floor and stockpiled until it is sold as scrap metal.

Fraser reported in April 2019 the facility started working with NSE on a pilot trial to divert clean drywall and shingles from the C&D site. This project has been working well and in 2019 we diverted 424.31 metric tonnes of shingles from being buried at the C&D site. These shingles were processed in December 2019 by Halifax C&D Recycling. The paper portion, 305.43 metric tonnes, was removed from the

site by the contractor and was expected to be used by Lafarge as an energy source. The sand portion, 150.47 metric tonnes, remained on site and has been getting used as traction sand for the onsite dirt roads and ramps this winter. If enough sand material remains, we plan to test some as a dust suppressant for the onsite dirt roads and ramps in the spring of 2020.

13.83 metric tonnes of clean drywall were also diverted and this was all sent to the Compost Facility to be mixed in and processed along with other incoming feed-

stocks. Tonnage details on the amount of material diverted from landfill disposal are as follows: Recyclables, 8,435.99; Wood, 1,428.88; Scrap Metal, 221.37; Organics, 7,611.61; Shingles, 424.31; Drywall, 13.83 and Concrete, 20.16 tonnes for a 2019 total of 18,156.15 tonnes.

During the fall of 2019 our Baler broke down for a period of 37 days. This became problematic for processing waste. The baler is now 25 years old and technicians are strongly advising that it be replaced with a new Baler.

AldrichPears Awarded \$70,000 Contract

By Maurice Rees

AldrichPears Consulting Team, Dartmouth, was awarded a \$70,000 contract for Fundy Discovery Site Interpretive Concept and Feasibility Study on motions by Councillor Taggart and Gibbs. The outcome will identify cost effective approaches towards interpretive elements at the Site as well as a deter-

mining an appropriate mix of buildings, services and amenities

Paul Smith, Manager of Planning Services, provided a summary indicating Council had previously approved funding in their capital budget for the Fundy Discovery Site, which included an Interpretive Concept and Feasibility Study. A Request for

Proposals (RFP) was issued with three responses received by the closing date. The three submitted bids were: Lord Cultural Resources, Toronto, \$69,915 including \$6,240 expenses; W3 Design Group Inc., Vancouver, \$69,988 including \$25,510 expenses and AldrichPears, Dartmouth, \$70,000 including \$7,770 expenses.

Brief discussion was held regarding a funding request through Tourism NS for half the project cost, but Mr. Smith indicated that no response has been received yet. It was noted that at its meeting on March 26th, Council granted authority to Council Committee to award this contract.

The AldrichPears team has a number of advantages over the other two respondents; first it is a local firm that understands the Nova Scotia tourism market and has a great deal of project experience in Atlantic Canada; second, the consulting team understands the Fundy Discovery Site project as the firm

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No word from UNESCO

Don Fletcher, chair, Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Society still has not received word from UNESCO concerning when it's meeting will be held to discuss approval for the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark. The local committee who had worked hard to host adjudicators last summer and to prepare the final documents in anticipation of final approvals being received in March.

However, Fletcher received an email on February 5th stating the meeting scheduled for end March has been cancelled due to Covid-19 crisis. Fletcher reported he was advised by meeting and subsequent announcement could be delayed for up to two months. In a press release he stated the society would continue it's preparations and would be ready when official word is received.

With Covid-19 spreading globally since early February, he had not been advised when the meeting would be re-scheduled and an announcement would be forthcoming.

COVID-19 Investing Information Webpage

The Nova Scotia Securities Commission has launched a new webpage and online video to provide COVID-19 investing information to the public. The new webpage, which can be found at

<https://nssc.novascotia.ca/covid19>, compiles all news releases, notices and blanket orders issued to provide relief for a number of individuals or applicants from a regulatory requirement about COVID-19 by the commission, the Canadian Securities Administrators and the North American Securities Administrators Association.

The webpage also houses a new video highlighting the increased prevalence of COVID-19 related investment fraud. While scammers find many angles to perpetrate frauds in uncertain times, the video focuses on specific frauds that securities regulators are warning investors about. They are pump and dump scams, fake emails, texts and phone calls and fake securities trader jobs. The commission's COVID-19 investing webpage also has information on stock market volatility and working with an adviser to help investors make informed investment decisions.

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was engaged to provide an assessment of the original Masterplan; third, the team is robust and reputable with additional landscape architecture and business planning / economic resources, and; finally the consultant team (interpretation and architecture) can draw on outside expertise from its other firms across Canada.

Deadline for the June issue of The Shoreline Journal is May 19

Boutilier Requests Speeding Up Executive Committee Minutes

By Maurice Rees

Councillor Eric Boutilier requested that with the Covid-19 crisis, minutes of the Executive Meetings should be distributed to council members perhaps the day following the executive meeting. He requested clarification on how Executive Committee minutes go to Council.

The Recording Secretary indicated the minutes usually are forwarded to Council through the agenda of the regular Council meetings at the end of the month. The minutes would be either under agenda item, Standing Committee Reports and Recommendations, or in Closed Ses-

sion for matters of a confidential nature.

Council members expressed concern with the added amount of pressure this would be on staff and discussed possible options to get information to Council in a more timely manner. The CAO suggested with Council's decision to move to weekly meetings, this might help to address the issue of getting information to Council.

The Mayor indicated efforts will be made to bring items forward to Council regularly, be it in writing or verbally at meetings. A suggestion was made that Executive Committee agendas be forwarded to Council following the meeting.

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