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## **Fundy Regional Service Commission Announces Approval of Crane Mountain Landfill Capacity Augmentation & Life Extension Project**

**Saint John, NB – July 29, 2024** – The Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC) Board of Directors passed the approval of the Crane Mountain Landfill Capacity Augmentation & Life Extension Project following an extensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) by the Department of Environment and Local Government. This project is set to significantly enhance the efficiency and longevity of waste management in the Fundy Region.

*"We are taking a substantial step forward in ensuring a sustainable and cost-effective future for waste management in the Fundy Region. Through a rigorous, year-long evaluation process, we have assessed all aspects of this project and are confident it will bring significant benefits to our communities. We are committed to ongoing collaboration with residents to ensure its successful implementation,"* said Jim Bedford, Chair of the FRSC Board of Directors.

### **Project Overview**

The Crane Mountain Landfill, which currently has an approved height of +90 meters, will increase to +117.5 meters above sea level. This increase will optimize the use of the existing and future waste containment cells by maximizing the use of available landfill airspace without expanding the landfill's footprint. The project extends the landfill's operational life by at least 22 years, from 2048 to 2070, the project is expected to save Fundy Region residents around \$22 million over its extended lifespan.

*Marc MacLeod, Crane Mountain Landfill Manager, added, "The Crane Mountain landfill system operates to the highest safety and reliability standards. We follow strict New Brunswick Department of Environment regulations and conduct regular assessments to ensure compliance. By using rigorously tested and proven technology, we will manage this capacity augmentation and life extension project responsibly, safeguarding the health and well-being of our community."*

### **Looking Forward**

The project will begin saving taxpayer dollars right away avoiding a \$5.9 Million cost to build the next landfill cell which would have required construction to begin right away. Now, the next new cell will not be constructed for roughly another 25 years, as the current footprint is utilized.

The FRSC recognizes the concerns of community members and is committed to addressing these concerns as we move forward, including, a new approach to public outreach and engagement, a new odour tracking and monitoring system to be implemented, a new diversion program to target additional organics removal, along with a new landfill gas management and utilization project developed to replace the 15-year-old landfill gas electrical generation system.

The FRSC remains dedicated to maintaining an open dialogue with the community. For more detailed information about the Crane Mountain Landfill Capacity Augmentation & Life Extension Project, including all documents pertaining to the EIA process and public engagement please refer to the [FRSC website](#) or contact us at [information@fundyregion.ca](mailto:information@fundyregion.ca)

### **About Fundy Regional Service Commission**

The Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC) is committed to responsible service delivery by providing equitable access to programs and services for residents across the region in the areas of waste management, community planning, building inspection, community development, regional public safety, regional facilities, regional transportation, economic development and tourism promotion.

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