

Western Valley Regional Service Commission

2021
Annual Report

"To serve the public by fostering an environment where
well planned development and regional collaboration thrive."

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A Message from Karl Curtis, Board Chair

Western Valley Regional Service Commission

My time as the Chair of the Commission has been short; however, I have been a board member of the Western Valley Regional Service Commission, as the Mayor of Florenceville-Bristol since the Commission was created in 2013.

I feel that in recent years the Members have made strides forward in cooperation and collaboration. With the Local Governance Reform announced in 2021 and the release of the White Paper “Working together for vibrant and sustainable communities” in November, I am confident that our region’s communities and the Regional Service Commission will be strengthened, and there will be increased collaboration at the regional level.

The Western Valley truly is one large community and by supporting one another and coming together on key issues, we are creating a stronger region both economically and socially for our residents.

I look forward to working with all Commission members in 2022 as we navigate through the local reform process and the incorporation of new services into the Regional Service Commission.

Sincerely,

Karl Curtis
Chair of the Board
Western Valley Regional Service Commission

HISTORY OF THE WESTERN VALLEY REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

In December 2011, the Provincial Government undertook a broad range of actions to create a new Local Governance System in New Brunswick. One of the five objectives outlined in the Action Plan supporting this new system was to increase collaboration, communication, and planning between communities. The establishment of twelve Regional Service Commissions for the Province will help communities to communicate and collaborate regionally, as well as plan on a regional basis. On January 1st, 2013, Regional Service Commission 12 was established as a body corporate, pursuant to the provisions of the Regional Service Delivery Act, and the Regulations made thereunder. In 2015 the official name of Regional Service Commission 12 was legally changed to the Western Valley Regional Service Commission.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Due to Municipal and Local Service District elections which occurred during 2021, some of the Board of Directors and Committee members were changed. Therefore, the 20-member Board of Directors from January – May and July to December 2021 are shown separately below:

Members of the Board January 2021– May 2021	
Municipal Mayors	LSD Representatives
Art Slipp Mayor of Woodstock	Carl Rattray LSD of Lakeville
Alexis Fenner Mayor of Plaster Rock	Brent Pearson LSD of Glassville
Darrin Foster Mayor of Hartland	Brian Hayden LSD of Woodstock
Darryl Demmings Mayor of Aroostook	Ed Stone LSD of Upper and Lower Northampton
Elaine English Mayor of Canterbury	Graham Gill LSD of Northampton
Marianne Bell Mayor of Perth Andover	Joseph Trevors LSD of Peel
Michael Stewart Mayor of Centreville	Gailen Allan LSD of Aberdeen
Troy Stone Mayor of Bath	Stephen Manual LSD of Canterbury
Karl Curtis Mayor of Florenceville–Bristol	Leonard Foster LSD of North Lake
Lance Graham Mayor of Meductic	Tina Pelkey LSD of Brighton

Members of the Board June 2021– December 2021	
Municipal Mayors	LSD Representatives
Art Slipp Mayor of Woodstock	Alma Kilfoil LSD of Kent
Tom Eagles Mayor of Plaster Rock	Brent Pearson LSD of Glassville
Tracey Demerchant Mayor of Hartland	Brian Hayden LSD of Woodstock
Darryl Demmings Mayor of Aroostook	Connie Boone LSD of Brighton
Tanya Cloutier Mayor of Canterbury	Gregory Boone LSD of Coldstream
Marianne Bell Mayor of Perth Andover	Graham Gill LSD of Northampton
Michael Stewart Mayor of Centreville	Joseph Trevors LSD of Peel
Michael Allen Mayor of Bath	Lee Reed LSD of Gordon
Karl Curtis Mayor of Florenceville–Bristol	Stephen Manual LSD of Canterbury
Lance Graham Mayor of Meductic	McKenzie McConnell LSD of Simonds

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Commission has seven standing committees, as shown in the following pages. Due to municipal and Local Service District elections which occurred during 2021, Committee members were changed. Therefore, Standing Committees from January – May and June to December 2021 are shown separately.

Standing Committee Members January – June 2021

Planning Review and Adjustment Committee

Chair- Andy Leech, Member at Large
Vice Chair - Trevor Welch, Member at Large
Member- Alan McLaughlin, Member at Large
Member- Ken Clarke, Member at Large
Member- Elaine English, Mayor of Canterbury
Member- Mark Atwater, Member at Large
Member- Kenneth Stephenson, Member at Large

Recreation Committee

Chair- Brian Hayden, LSD of Woodstock
Member- Chris Stacey, Recreation Director of Florenceville- Bristol
Member- Brent Pearson, LSD of Glassville
Member- Joe Trevors, LSD of Peel
Member- Kent Kuhn, Provincial Advisory Representative
Member- Marianne Bell, Mayor of Perth-Andover
Member- Darin Foster, Mayor of Hartland
Member- Elaine English, Mayor of Canterbury

Policing Committee

Chair- Stephen Manuel, LSD of Canterbury
Member- Elaine English, Mayor of Canterbury
Member- Brian Hayden, LSD of Woodstock
Member- Alexis Fenner, Mayor of Plaster Rock
Member- Ed Stone, LSD of Upper & Lower Northampton
Member- Gailen Allen, LSD of Aberdeen
Member- Michael Stewart, Mayor of Centreville

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Chair- Elaine English, Mayor of Canterbury
Member- Carl Rattray, LSD of Lakeville
Member- Tracey Demerchant, Deputy Mayor of Hartland
Member- James, Kennedy, Member at Large
Member- Joe Weston, Member at Large
Member- Keith Helmuth, Member at Large
Member- Leonard Foster, LSD of North Lake
Member- Luc Marcoux, , Member at Large

Oversight Committee

Chair- Arthur Slipp, Mayor of Woodstock
Member- Elaine English, Mayor of Canterbury
Member- Brent Pearson, LSD of Glassville
Member- Stephen Manuel, LSD of Canterbury
Member- Tina Pelkey, LSD of Brighton

Finance Committee

Chair- Troy Stone, Mayor of Bath
Member- Elaine English, Mayor of Canterbury
Member- Karl Curtis, Mayor of Florenceville-Bristol
Member- Stephen Manuel, LSD of Canterbury
Member- Tina Pelkey, LSD of Brighton

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STANDING COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

Standing Committee Members

July – December 2021

Finance & Oversight Committee

Chair- Alma Kilfoil, LSD of Kent

Member- Karl Curtis, Mayor of Florenceville- Bristol

Member- Lee Reed, LSD of Gordon

Member- Arthur Slipp, Mayor of Woodstock

Member- Brent Pearson, LSD of Glassville

Member- Stephen Manuel, LSD of Canterbury

Planning Review and Adjustment Committee

Chair- Trevor Welch, Member at Large

Member- Elaine English, Member at Large

Member- Alan McLaughlin, Member at Large

Member- Lee Patterson, Member at Large

Member- Mark Atwater, Member at Large

Member- Kenneth Stephenson, Member at Large

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Chair- Karl Curtis, Mayor of Florenceville-Bristol

Member- Elaine English, Member at Large

Member- James Kennedy, Member at Large

Member- McKenzie McConnell, LSD of Simonds

Member- Shawn Sappier, Woodstock First Nation

Member- Tracey Demerchant, Mayor of Hartland

Recreation Committee

Chair- Brian Hayden, LSD of Woodstock

Member- Karl Curtis, Mayor of Florenceville- Bristol

Member- Greg Boone, LSD of Coldstream

Member- Joe Trevors, LSD of Peel

Member- Kent Kuhn, Provincial Advisor Representative

Member- Marianne Bell, Mayor of Perth-Andover

Member- Michael Allen, Mayor of Bath

Member- Tanya Cloutier, Mayor of Canterbury

Policing Committee

Chair- Stephen Manuel, LSD of Canterbury

Member- Karl Curtis, Mayor of Florenceville- Bristol

Member- Arthur Slipp, Mayor of Woodstock

Member- Connie Boone, LSD of Brighton

Member- Graham Gill, LSD of Northampton

Member- Lee Reed, LSD of Gordon

Member- Michael Stewart, Mayor of Centreville

Member- Tom Eagles, Mayor of Plaster Rock

Member- Tracey Demerchant, Mayor of Hartland

Executive

Chair- Karl Curtis, Mayor of Florenceville- Bristol

Vice-Chair- Brent Pearson, LSD of Glassville

Secretary- Alma Kilfoil, LSD of Kent

MANDATES

The Regional Service Delivery Act requires Commissions to provide the following services:

Regional Policing Collaboration – The Regional Service Commissions will serve as a forum through which the effectiveness and efficiency of policing services is reviewed and evaluated on a regional basis. In addition, the Commissions will identify issues of common concern within their regions and provide direction on priorities for policing services.

Regional Planning – The Regional Service Commissions will be responsible for the development of a Regional Plan, the aim of which would be to better coordinate and manage development and land use within each of the 12 regions.

Local Planning in Local Service Districts – The Regional Service Commissions will provide land use planning services to all Local Service Districts. This function includes the development of rural plans, the administration and enforcement of the plans, the issuance of building permits, conducting building inspections, and the approval of subdivisions, etc. All Municipalities and Rural Communities will be able to obtain their local planning services from the Commissions.

Solid Waste Management – The Regional Service Commissions will provide solid waste disposal services to the Municipalities, Rural Communities, and Local Service Districts within their respective regions, a role formerly performed by the Solid Waste Commissions. This includes the operation of the landfills and transfer stations, as well the coordination of various recycling programs, the handling of hazardous waste, and the promotion of composting.

Regional Emergency Measures Planning – The Regional Service Commissions will serve as the vehicle through which Municipalities, Rural Communities, and Local Service Districts will plan, coordinate, and pool resources on a regional basis in order to enable more effective responses to emergency situations.

Regional Sport, Recreational, and Cultural Infrastructure Planning and Cost-Sharing – The Regional Service Commissions will be responsible for facilitating the planning and cost-sharing of major sport, recreational and cultural facilities within each of their respective regions.

Commissions will be required to meet any provincial or other established standards associated with the services being delivered.

Other services – Regional Service Commissions will also be able to provide other services, as agreed to by their member communities, on either a regional (all commission members) or sub-regional basis (one or more interested members, depending on the service).

Service arrangements – Based on the direction of each Commission's Board, the Commissions will have the authority to facilitate and oversee arrangements and agreements between communities for cost sharing on services and infrastructure.

Collaboration on Regional Issues – One of the most important roles of the Regional Service Commissions will be to collaborate on regional issues and service decisions. This could include:

- ✓ Making regional planning decisions on the location of community-based infrastructure or land use, which affects more than one community.
- ✓ Accessing or applying for provincial and federal funding, where applicable, to benefit region-wide service delivery.
- ✓ Working together to seek new investments within a region, including those with economic benefits.

Services to First Nations Communities – The regional services model will enable service provision to those First Nations Communities who choose to purchase services. These arrangements will be developed in consultation with First Nations Communities and the provincial Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.

The White Paper – In November of 2021, The Department of Environment and Local Government released a White Paper titled, "Working together for vibrant and sustainable communities". The White Paper initiated Local Governance Reform which would see a reduction in the number of municipalities and LSD in the Province. This reform also impacted the mandates of the Regional Service Commissions, requiring the following service be integrated:

- Economic Development
- Tourism Promotion
- Community Development
- Regional Transportation
- Recreation Infrastructure Cost-Sharing
- Creation of a Public Safety Committee

REGIONAL PROFILE

The Western Valley Regional Service Commission is comprised of the Towns of Woodstock, Florenceville-Bristol, and Hartland; The Villages of Aroostook, Bath, Canterbury, Centreville, Meductic, Perth-Andover, and Plaster Rock; the Tobique First Nation and the Woodstock First Nation; and the Local Service Districts of Wakefield, Richmond, Debec, Woodstock, Benton, North Lake, Canterbury, Peel, Simonds, Wicklow, Wilmot, Lakeville, Aberdeen, Brighton, Kent, Northampton, Upper Kent, Coldstream, Somerville, Glassville, Upper and Lower Northampton, Gordon, Perth, Andover, Lorne, and Riley Brook. WVRSC has a population of 34,009.

The people of Western Valley enjoy a rural setting highlighted by the Saint John River and bordered on the west by the State of Maine. A close relationship with the United States positions our region very well for exporting and international business relationships. The U.S. interstate highway 95 has its northern origin at the International Border Crossing, in the LSD of Richmond.

The key economic activities in this region include Agriculture and Food Processing, Forestry and Value-Added wood products, Metal Fabrication and Transportation.

WVRSC MISSION STATEMENT

*"TO SERVE THE PUBLIC
BY FOSTERING AN ENVIRONMENT
WHERE WELL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND
REGIONAL COLLABORATION THRIVE."*

WVRSC VISION STATEMENT

*"TO RESPONSIBLY PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNANCE SERVICES
EFFECTIVELY AND COST EFFICIENTLY AND
FOSTER REGIONAL COLLABORATION".*

WVRSC BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS/EXPENSES

The Commission budgets annually for a specific number of meetings for the Board and the Committees. However, the number of meetings can vary dependent on ongoing projects. During 2021, the Commission held 5 Board of Directors meetings. Attendance records for Board members are listed in the below in chart titled "Board Meeting Attendance. Board member composition was changed due to Municipal and Local Service District elections occurring during 2021.

2021 Board Attendance			
January 2021- May 2021		June 2021- December 2021	
Member's Name	Attendance	Member's Name	Attendance
Alexis Fenner – Mayor of Plaster Rock	2/2	Alma Kilfoil – Secretary- LSD of Kent	3/3
Arthur Slipp – Mayor of Woodstock	2/2	Arthur Slipp – Mayor of Woodstock	3/3
Brent Pearson – LSD of Glassville	1/2	Brent Pearson – LSD of Glassville	1/3
Brian Hayden – LSD of Woodstock	2/2	Brian Hayden – LSD of Woodstock	3/3
Carl Rattray – LSD of Lakeville	2/2	Connie Boone – LSD of Brighton	0/3
Darrin Foster – Mayor of Hartland Tracey Demerchant – Deputy Mayor	0/2	Darryl Demmings – Mayor of Aroostook	2/3
	2/2	Graham Gill – LSD of Northampton	0/3
Darryl Demmings – Mayor of Aroostook	1/2	Gregory Boone – LSD of Coldstream	1/3
Elaine English – Chair Mayor of Canterbury	2/2	Karl Curtis- Chair Mayor of Florenceville-Bristol	3/3
Gailen Allan – LSD of Aberdeen	2/2	Joseph Trevors – LSD of Peel	2/3
Graham Gill, LSD of Northampton	1/2	Lance Graham – Mayor of Meductic	0/3
Joseph Trevors – LSD of Peel	2/2	Lee Reed – LSD of Gordon	3/3
Karl Curtis Mayor of Florenceville Bristol	2/2	Michael Stewart – Mayor of Centreville	1/3
Lance Graham – Mayor of Meductic	0/2	McKenzie McConnell – LSD of Simonds	0/3
Leonard Foster – LSD of North Lake	0/2	Michael Allen – Mayor of Bath	2/3
Marianne Bell – Mayor of Perth Andover Sheila Cummings, Deputy Mayor	0/2 2/2	Marianne Bell – Mayor of Perth Andover Tamara McPhail – Deputy Mayor	0/3 1/3
Michael Stewart – Mayor of Centreville	2/2	Tanya Cloutier – Mayor of Canterbury	1/3
Stephen Manuel – Vice Chair LSD of Canterbury	2/2	Stephen Manuel – Vice Chair LSD of Canterbury	3/3
Tina Pelkey- LSD of Brighton	2/2	Tom Eagles – Mayor of Plaster Rock	2/3
Troy Stone – Secretary – Mayor of Bath	2/2	Tracey Demerchant – Mayor of Hartland	3/3

WVRSC staff is reimbursed for travel, accommodation, and meals at the provincial rate, as well as out-of-pocket expenses. 2021 expenses are recorded in the following chart titled "Staff Expenses & Reimbursements as at December 31, 2021".

Staff	Travel	Accommodations	Car Rental & Fuel	Meals	Training and Mileage	Cart Delivery Mileage	Electronics Allowance	Other Reimbursements	Total
Brent Desroches	\$10,105				\$256	\$162	\$1,020		\$11,543
Joan Kennedy	\$219							\$61	\$279
Katelyn McGrath	\$139			\$103			\$1,537		\$1,779
Barb Sharp	\$651						\$550	\$96	\$1,297
Conor Tripp		\$160	\$380	\$20			\$500	\$70	\$1,129
Total	\$11,113	\$160	\$380	\$123	\$256	\$162	\$3,607	\$227	\$16,028

Total 2021 expenses for the Board and Committees are shown in the below chart titled “2021 Board & Committee Expenses”. Individual member expenses are shown in the second chart below, titled “2021 Board & Committee Honorariums”. Board and Committee members are paid a per diem, as stated in the RSC Procedural By-laws if they are in attendance for the meetings, as well as travel, accommodation, and meal allowances as per the Policy and Procedures Manual.

2021 Board & Committee Honorariums			
Members Name	Amount	Members Name	Amount
Gailen Allen	\$150.00	Stephen Manuel	\$1,000.00
Michael Allen	\$75.00	Alan McLaughlin	\$300.00
Mark Atwater	\$300.00	Tammy McPhail	\$75.00
Marianne Bell	\$150.00	Brent Pearson	\$450.00
Kenneth Clark	\$75.00	Tina Pelkey	\$300.00
Tanya Cloutier	\$150.00	Carl Rattray	\$150.00
Sheila Cummings	\$150.00	Lee Reed	\$600.00
Karl Curtis	\$750.00	Arthur Slipp	\$600.00
Tracey Demerchant	\$600.00	Chris Stacey	\$75.00
Darryl Demmings	\$225.00	Kenneth Stephson	\$300.00
Tom Eagles	\$300.00	Troy Stone	\$425.00
Elaine English	\$1,175.00	Trevor Welch	\$350.00
Alexis Fenner	\$150.00	Joe Trevors	\$370.00
Darrin Foster	\$75.00	Joe Weston	\$150.00
Leonard Foster	\$75.00	Alma Kilfoil	\$600.00
Graham Gill	\$150.00	Andrew Leech	\$200.00
Brian Hayden	\$550.00	TOTAL HONORARIUM	\$11,125.00
Keith Helmuth	\$75.00		

2021 Board & Committee Expenses	
Committee Name	Amount
WVRSC Board	\$5,625.00
Executive Committee	\$250.00
Finance Committee	\$1,850.00
Policing Committee	\$350.00
Solid Waste Committee	\$3,500.00
PRAC	\$1,900.00
Recreational Committee	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$11,125.00

LAND USE AND PLANNING AND BUILDING INSPECTION

The Western Valley Regional Service Commission administers the *South-Central Carleton County Rural Plan Regulation – Community Planning Act* that covers the Local Service Districts of Woodstock, Northampton, Wakefield, and Simonds, and ensures that land use applications in the remainder of the Local Service Districts in the region conform to Provincial Acts and Regulations. Building permits and planning services are provided to all the region's 26 Local Service Districts.

The Commission currently has formal agreements with the Town of Hartland and the Villages of Plaster Rock, Centreville, Bath, and Canterbury to provide planning and building inspection services including the issuance of building permits, performance of inspections to ensure compliance with the National Building Code of Canada, and administration of all by-laws created under the Community Planning Act. During 2021 Planning staff finalized the drafting to two new rural plans for the communities of Centreville and Bath. Those by-law regulations were then forwarded to Municipal Councils for adoption.

During 2021, 230 building and development permits were issued having a total estimated construction value of \$24,447,000.00. The WVRSC Development Officers also processed 452 planning files, which include subdivisions, variances, zonings, and waivers.

Local Planning Statistics	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
Building Permits	124	137	151	169	172	131	163	135	155
Development Permits	104	51	76	73	84	139	66	77	75
Total Building & Development	228	188	227	242	256	59	229	212	230
Subdivisions	94	81	103	115	91	198	89	100	105
Planning Reports	13	25	25	31	37	96	22	16	23
Planning Approvals			79	76	71	57	109	107	143
Waivers			174	195	184	174	174	204	181
Total Planning Files			381	417	383	363	394	427	452

REGIONAL RECREATION

In 2015 Western Valley Regional Service Commission adopted the *Regional Recreation Service Master Plan: Western Valley Regional Service Commission*. During 2017, a Recreation Coordinator was hired on a three-year contract to carry out the implementation of the Master Plan.

The recommendations of the Master Plan are outlined in detail in section 7 of the document, while section 8 outlines the implementation plan, or proposed timeframe for the implementation of those recommendations. The Recreation Committee felt that two of the recommendations were not realistic and/or necessary for the region and therefore chose not to have the employee pursue them. They included 7.3.2: additional outdoor aquatic facility in Woodstock and 7.3.3: Outdoor Skate Park.

The immediate and short term (1-3 years) recommendations of the aforementioned document include the following:

7.2.1 Hiring a Recreation Director

7.2.2 Divide the region into recreation catchment areas

7.2.3 Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Strategy

7.2.4 Recreation Communication Strategy

7.2.5 Seek Alternate Funding Sources

7.2.6 Inventory of facility availability and database for public use

7.3.1 Community Use of Schools

7.4.6 Increase access to waterways

7.4.7 Develop a long-term recreation infrastructure sustainability plan

This Recreation Coordinator position was made possible through the generous financial support of the Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture, which was available for a three-year term. The Recreation Coordinator left the organization for another job opportunity in May of 2019, leaving the position vacant. Given that many of the municipalities had opted out of the optional recreation service in 2019, the mandate and majority of the recommendations of the Master Plan were not able to be pursued; therefore, the position was not filled in 2019.

In 2019 the Commission was approached by the NB Department of Tourism Heritage and Culture to partner on the development of the Wolastoq Valley Trail, which was proposed to be a bicycle tourism product stretching from Grand Falls to Woodstock. In 2019 the Recreation Coordinator left the organization, and the position was not filled. Therefore, most work on this department ceased in 2019, except for the Trail project. In 2020, the Board of Directors made a resolution to discontinue

involvement in the NB Trial project and directed the Recreation Committee to facilitate a discussion on the possibility of a shared trail/multi-use trail on this section of NB Trail in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Tourism Heritage and Culture.

With the Local Governance Reform being undertaken by the Provincial Government, staff delayed the public facing portion of this portfolio. However, a report will be ready to distribute to the new local government entities once created, so that an informed decision can be made by a duly elected local government.

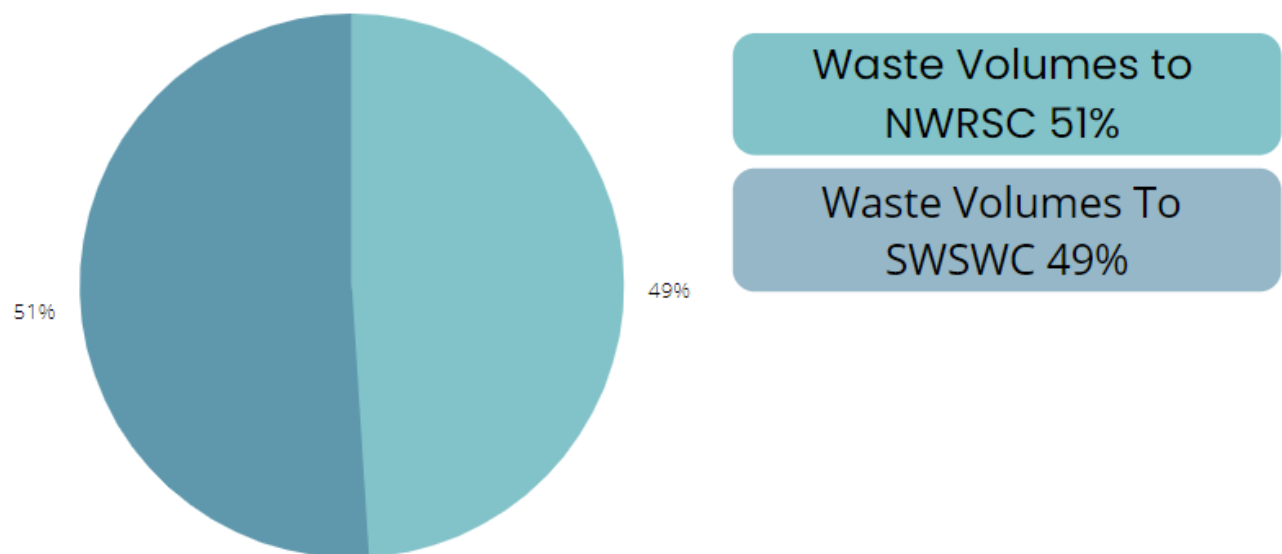
WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Western Valley Regional Service Commission is responsible for waste disposal and recycling. Waste collection is the responsibility of the towns, villages and the Department of Environment and Local Government (ELG) on behalf of the local service districts (LSDs).

The Commission's disposal contract is predicated by a 1997 ministerial agreement between the Commission (formerly Valley Solid Waste), Northwest Solid Waste Facility in Region 1 and Southwest Solid Waste Facility in Region 10 to dispose of 50% +/- 5% to the Northwest and the Southwest facilities. Waste from our Northern communities, such as Plaster Rock and the adjacent LSDs are hauled directly to the Northwest site. All other waste is first hauled to the transfer station in Woodstock and is consolidated and trucked either to the Northwest or the Southwest Solid Waste facility. A private consulting firm studied the operation in 2014 and determined that the current flow and use of the transfer station should continue, as direct haul is not a financially feasible option.

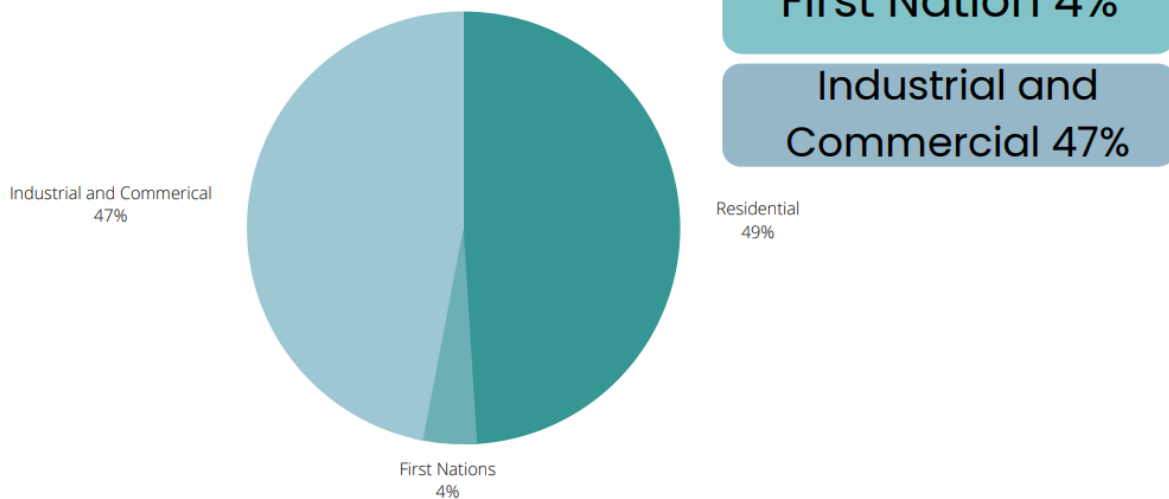
The chart below, "2021 Waste Flow Disposal in Metric Tonnes", shows the Commission's adherence to the landfill split agreement.

WVRSC 2021 Waste Flow Disposal In Metric Tonnes

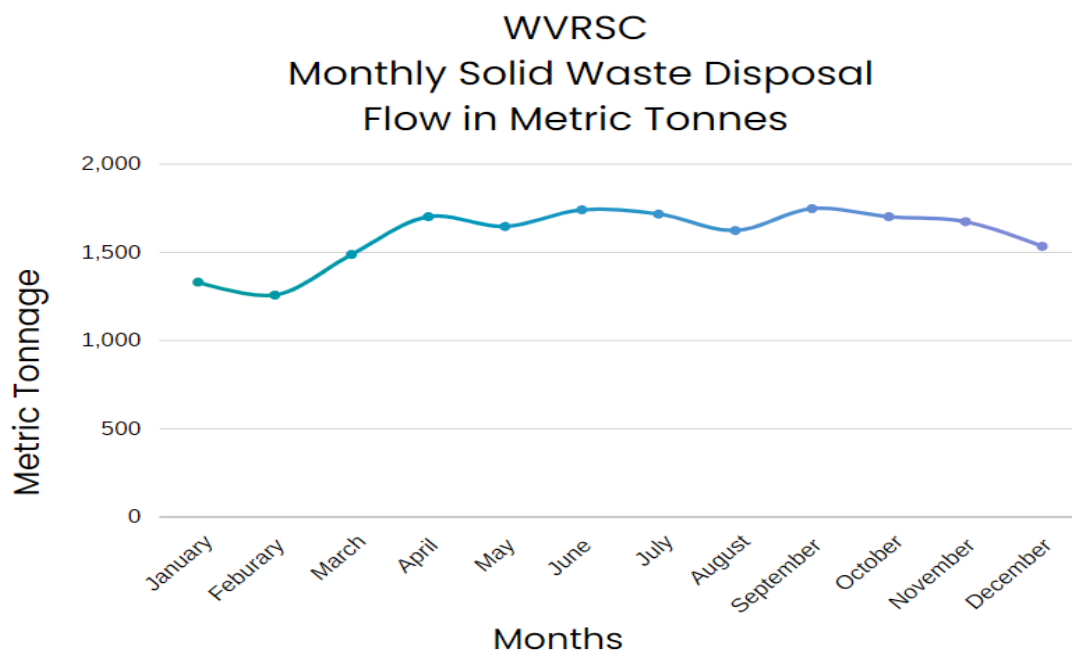


The following chart shows the breakdown of Solid Waste Disposal by source – Residential, Industrial/Commercial and First Nations.

WVRSC 2021 Solid Waste Disposal by Source



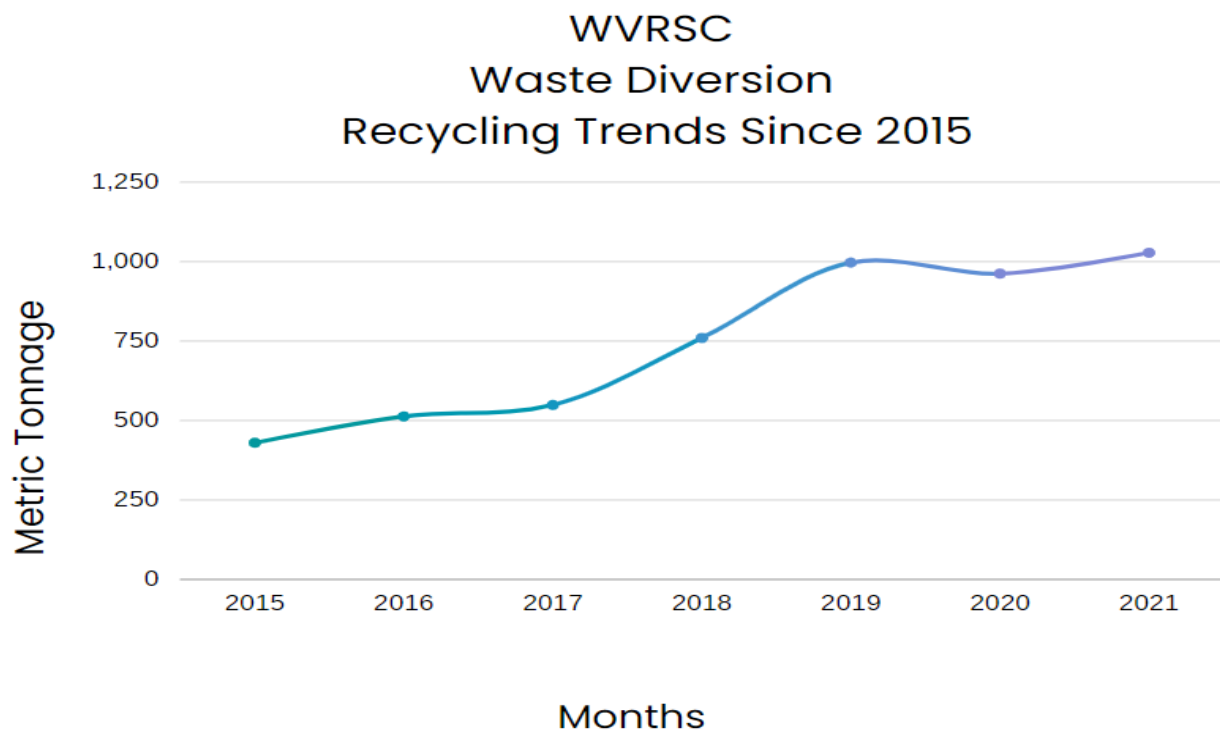
Waste Disposal is seasonal, as shown in the graph below, 2021 Monthly Waste Flow, with higher disposal during the late spring and summer months.



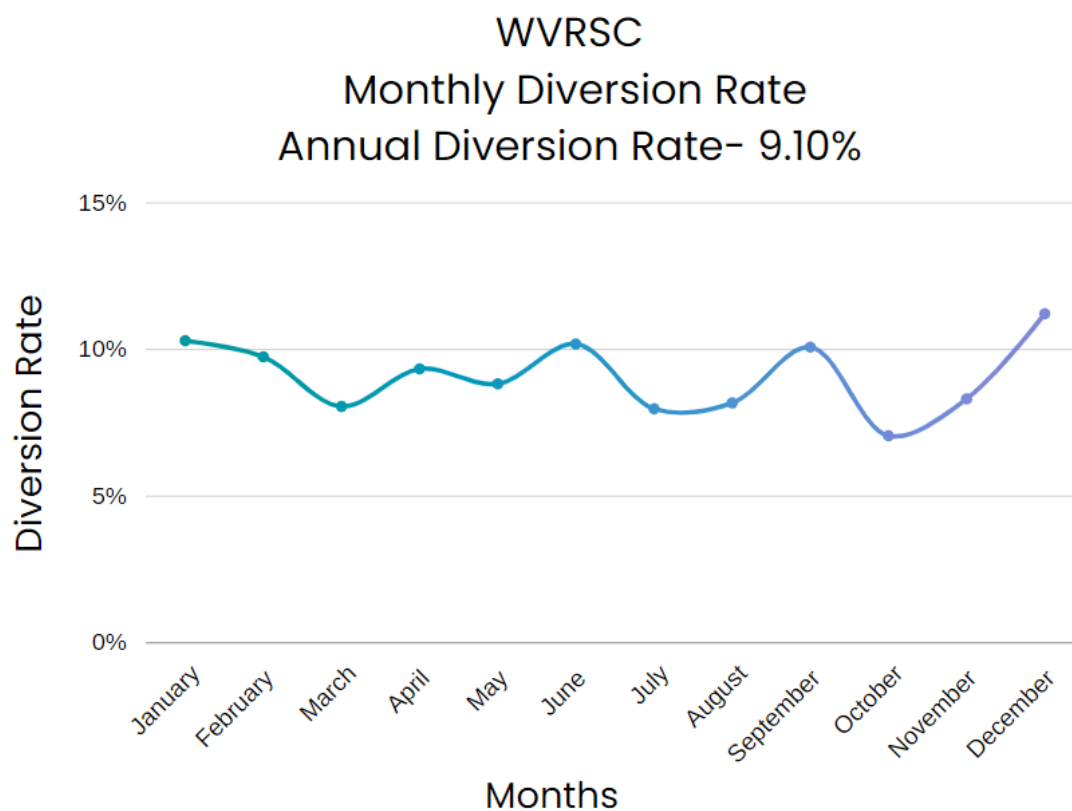
The chart below shows the disposal trend since 2015.



The following diversion chart shows the recycling trend in our region since 2015.



This chart shows the monthly diversion rate for 2021.



The Commission owns and maintains 9 recycling collection depots of which 7 are centrally located throughout the Region to serve residents that do not have curbside collection. The depot sites are Perth-Andover, Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock (2), Canterbury, North Lake and Meductic. The contents of these bins are collected and delivered to the transfer station by J.S. Bellis Ltd.

The following graphic shows the total recycling tonnage collected in 2021, as well as the split between curbside collection and the volume collected at the 7 depots sites in the region.



For comparison, 2018 (implementation year) saw a total of 785 MT of recycling collected, 2019 saw a total of 1001 MT collected, 2020 was 962 MT (volumes were negatively affected by the Covid 19 pandemic).

Given that the collection of the recycling is done under existing collection contracts, municipalities have the option to continue to provide weekly garbage collection in addition to recycling collection. The Village of Canterbury, Tobique First Nation, Woodstock First Nation, the Town of Florenceville-Bristol and the Town of Hartland have decided to continue with weekly garbage collection in addition to the monthly recycling collection for residential properties in their communities. The Town of Woodstock implemented double pick-up for the months of June-July-August 2021.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

During 2021 the Commission's accomplishments included:

- ✓ Hosted three household hazardous waste events in Perth-Andover, Florenceville-Bristol and Woodstock
- ✓ Improved communications plans for curbside recycling and waste diversion including weekly Tuesday Tips, CJ104 radio ads, monthly banners in River Valley Sun, quarterly ads in Ageless NB, special ads in the Bugle Observer and Victoria Star
- ✓ Distributed the annual recycling schedule and 'what can go in my bin' sheet to every household in the region
- ✓ Website improvements to the waste management section including new posters for programs such as paint, electronics, beverage tabs, household glass recycling and batteries.
- ✓ Participation in DELG's solid waste strategy and the provincial PPP program
- ✓ Continuous improvements to Recycle Coach app to include special collections, schedule changes and search tool information
- ✓ Zero Waste boxes distributed to local schools and daycares to recycle pens/pencils/markers and snack wrappers
- ✓ Zero Waste disposable mask boxes provided to the Ayr Motor Centre and River Valley Civic Centre
- ✓ Zero Waste razor box given to the Central Carleton Nursing Home
- ✓ Recycling books provided to grade 2-3 students at local schools, composting units and supplies to Florenceville Elementary Schools and Knowlesville Arts & Nature Center.
- ✓ Recycling presentations to Multicultural Association of Carleton County and McCain Foods facility team
- ✓ Campaigns to support Earth Day, Compost Week, Plastic Free July, Waste Reduction Week, and Ralph the Recycling Elf holiday giveaways
- ✓ Staff have continued to consider the NB trail discussion and are preparing for future facilitation of this discussion
- ✓ Discussion regarding Policing service have been ongoing with the Department of Public Safety and the RCMP
- ✓ Submitted 2021 unqualified financial audit report to the province
- ✓ Prepared 2022 budget, received Board approval, and forwarded to the province and membership.

2022 – A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

2022 priorities include:

- ✓ Work with the membership and Provincial Transition team to incorporate the new mandated services
- ✓ Work to ensure that Local Governance Reform impacts of existing services are mitigated
- ✓ Ensure that land use planning services are available to all municipal governments in the region that require them to satisfy provincial requirements
- ✓ Be receptive to the establishment of new service agreements
- ✓ Review of existing and creation of new Rural Plans and Land Use Zoning By-Laws
- ✓ Facilitate discussions surrounding the possibility of shared use trail development
- ✓ Continue to build on the positive relationship with the RCMP and explore way to ensure adequate policing service within the region
- ✓ Work with the Provincial Government, collection contractors, members, and new municipal entities employees to ensure a smooth transition with respect to waste and recycling collection
- ✓ ICI program improvements in partnership with JS Bellis
- ✓ Spring Community Clean Up campaign
- ✓ Household Hazardous Waste Day collection events - October 1 & 2, 2022
- ✓ Partnerships with local redemption centres and schools for beverage tabs charity program
- ✓ Expand the education and public promotion of all recycling and waste diversion initiatives and programs including Grade 5 tours of the Southern Valley Transfer Station (recycling sorting facility)

2021 AUDIT REPORT

2021 audit report is attached.

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