



Six new ecocentres to open in April – the MRC outlines its objectives

Cowansville, January 30th - Preparations are progressing well for the opening in April of six new ecocentres on the Brome-Missisquoi MRC territory. The MRC is setting objectives that will have a tangible effect on our environment. For the nine months of operation in 2013, the MRC is striving to divert 1200 tons of recoverable materials to ecocentres – materials that, unfortunately, currently end up in landfills.

In the MRCBM, in 2011, an estimated 16,600 tons of household waste went directly to landfills, including one-quarter of which was composed of recoverable materials. This included such materials as paper, cardboard, construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) materials, metal, hazardous household waste collection (HHW), plastic, wood and glass. This represents more than a quarter of the recoverable materials the MRC is hoping will end up in the ecocentres.

The Québec Waste Management Policy, which the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Parks announced in 2011, includes the banning - as of this year - of the disposal of paper and cardboard in disposal sites. The ban will extend to wood in 2014 and organic materials in 2020. This enhances the importance and the need for the ecocentres project in the Brome-Missisquoi MRC, to promote the recovery of these materials.

The six new ecocentres located in Bedford, Bromont, Cowansville, Farnham, Town of Brome Lake and Sutton will open in April, and each ecocentre will be open one Saturday per month. A publicity campaign in the local media will begin soon and information tools with further details will be sent to Brome-Missisquoi MRC residents in March.

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