



## Media Release

### **Upgrade Project Underway at Eastern Passage Wastewater Treatment Facility**

November 4, 2011--- Earlier today construction officially got underway on the expansion and treatment level upgrade at the Eastern Passage Wastewater Treatment Facility(EPWWTF).

Halifax Water Board Chair Colleen Purcell, Mayor Peter Kelly, and District 8 Councillor Jackie Barkhouse were on-site to launch the construction project. The EPWWTF project, budgeted at \$61,769,000, will see an expansion in capacity to accommodate projected population growth in the serviceable boundary over the next 20 years, as well as an upgrade in treatment level from primary to secondary, consistent with national performance standards.

Halifax Water Board Chair Colleen Purcell said, “This project is great news for residents of Eastern Passage and the wider HRM community. The upgrade to secondary treatment is in sync with stringent federal regulations, and a significant step forward in Halifax Water’s long term effort to bring aging wastewater and stormwater infrastructure into compliance.”

Mayor Kelly said, “This project is another example of the community’s commitment to the environment, water quality in our harbour, and overall quality of life for residents.”

Councillor Jackie Barkhouse stated, “The new facility is essential to accommodating expected growth in my district over the coming years. This facility will help ensure we are able to grow in an environmentally sustainable way.”

The project has an estimated construction period of two years.

The design/build Project contractor is Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. and Maxim Construction Inc. Joint Venture (MMJV). Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. specializes in water and wastewater treatment construction. Maxim Construction Inc. is a well known and respected local general contractor.

In May of this year, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board gave Halifax Water approval through a decision to proceed with the expansion and upgrade of the Eastern Passage Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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