

Update on Hampden Facility & EPR Survey

March 1, 2022

FACILITY UPDATE

On Friday, the MRC Board of Directors met mostly in executive session regarding the status of the Hampden Facility, afterwards voting unanimously in support of [this motion](#). We are pleased to report that the bondholders and the MRC have agreed to a process to allow for a final sale of the facility by June 30, 2022. We are very encouraged by this news.

The bondholders will cover the cost to reinstate a receiver to conduct one final bid process to conclude at the end of June. If no adequate bids are presented, the facility would be sold to the MRC at an agreed upon stalking-horse bid price.

The MRC's ability to acquire the facility is subject to the Fundamental Matters clause of MRC Bylaws. We will be mailing formal notice to members this week. MRC will also be holding a virtual Town Hall meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 1:30 PM to provide more details and to answer questions. Watch your inbox for information on how to access this meeting.

While not yet a done deal, we are greatly encouraged by this new development, which looks promising to move forward quickly.

SURVEY REQUEST – EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

As a part of the efforts to implement the [2021 law](#) that requires producers to pay for the recycling in the state, the Natural Resources Council of Maine is collecting data from municipalities about costs and flows of recyclables to make recommendations to the DEP. This will not be the only manner to provide input to the DEP, as the agency also plans to conduct stakeholder outreach from July 2022 - December 2023 but is one opportunity for members' voices to be heard.

The survey available [here](#) takes about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. NRCM requests one response per municipality, and recommends collecting information from your Public Works Director or Transfer Station attendant prior to completing. It should be noted that the survey asks numerous questions about collection. With progress being made on reopening the Hampden facility, we recommend identifying Hampden as where your recyclables would be collected and when the facility reopens, you will be receiving the reports that you did previously.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to MRC Executive Director Michael Carroll at (207) 664-1700 or execdirector@mrcmaine.org or a [MRC Board Member](#).