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MMSB to Host Province's Premier Organic Waste Conference

The Multi-Materials Stewardship Board is inviting the organics community in Newfoundland and Labrador to participate in Earth Bound 2013 this fall, a two-day conference designed to explore the potential of organic waste management in the province.

"Every day in Newfoundland and Labrador, approximately 300 tonnes of organic waste goes into our overburdened landfills, accounting for more than 30 per cent of all waste generated in our province," said the Honourable Tom Hedderson, Minister of Environment and Conservation and Minister Responsible for the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board. "Given the volume of organic waste, it is important to engage in open dialogue about the issues we face in managing organic waste in our province and learn about best practices in other jurisdictions."

Taking place from September 26 to 27, at the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's, the conference will bring together organic waste producers and managers to participate in educational and technical sessions as well as an equipment and technology exhibition. Participants will include businesses such as restaurants, grocery stores, fish plants, sawmills and cafeterias; industries such as aquaculture, agriculture and forestry; individuals; municipalities and government departments.

"We are pleased to present a diverse panel of experts who will share their knowledge, experience and passion for organic waste management," said Mike Samson, CEO of the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board. "We are especially thrilled to announce our keynote speaker, Lisa Von Sturmer, who founded 'Growing City' and successfully pitched her organics collection business to CBC's Dragon's Den television show."

The early bird registration deadline has been extended to July 15, 2013. To register, find a complete list of speakers or to learn more about Earth Bound 2013, visit www.earthbound2013.com.

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