



## **Havre Boucher Wastewater Project: October 17, 2009**

Construction of the Havre Boucher Wastewater Project is projected to begin early in the 2010 construction season. Design documents are presently being prepared for a tender call in November, meaning that a contract for the construction would be in place by as early as December or January, 2010.

The project includes construction of a new sewage treatment plant to replace the existing aging plant. The other part of the project is an extension of Havre Boucher's collection system to service residents on the outlying areas on the Frankville Road and along Highway #4. The construction of the collection system component was originally intended to begin this fall. However, when tenders were closed for this portion of the project in August 2009, the tendered prices exceeded the budget. The result was that no tenders were awarded and the designers have gone back to redesign portions of the system to reduce costs. The revised design is scheduled to be tendered this November together with the treatment plant component.

The new treatment plant has been designed to treat the Havre Boucher and areas wastewater to a secondary level that will meet or exceed all current federal and provincial guidelines. When the facility is scheduled to go into operation in 2011, it is expected to make a significant positive impact on the water quality in the harbour. This \$4.3 Million project is jointly funded by the Federal and Provincial governments and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish.