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Government of Yukon to postpone implementation of recycling regulations

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will postpone the implementation of Yukon's amended recycling regulations to provide for additional consultation with industry, Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko and Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon announced today. The decision to delay was based on a recommendation from the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

"The Government of Yukon is committed to working with its partners to develop a recycling, waste reduction and diversion system that meets the needs of Yukoners," Istchenko said. "By providing this extra time for consultation, we will help ensure the successful implementation of a sustainable system."

The proposed changes would affect the *Beverage Container Regulation*, which applies surcharges and refunds on products like pop cans, juice bottles and alcoholic beverages, as well as the *Designated Materials Regulation*, which applies surcharges on tires, electronics and electrical products.

"The Government of Yukon appreciates how important recycling is to Yukoners and we want to ensure we have implemented the best recycling system for all stakeholders," Dixon said. "We look forward to working with industry to ensure that changes to our recycling practices support a system that works for residents and businesses."

The regulations fall under Yukon's *Environment Act*, which is enforced by the Department of Environment, while territory-wide solid waste management is a responsibility of the Department of Community Services.

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