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Government of Yukon and Association of Yukon Communities discuss municipal priorities at annual general meeting

Community and government leaders and officials met in Faro this past weekend for the Association of Yukon Communities' annual general meeting. This meeting is a chance for municipal and territorial leaders to discuss priorities for the upcoming year.

At this year's meeting, the Government of Yukon announced the implementation date for the proposed changes to the *Beverage Container Regulation* and the *Designated Materials Regulation*. Changes to the *Beverage Container Regulation* will be implemented August 1, 2017. Proposed changes to the *Designated Materials Regulation* will be implemented February 1, 2018 after the Yukon government consults with stakeholders regarding the materials included in the regulation changes, such as tires.

Quotes

"The Yukon government is pleased to work closely with the Association of Yukon Communities on issues that affect all communities. We share many important priorities, such as developing a diverse, growing economy in an environmentally responsible way and building thriving communities where Yukoners can live happy, healthy lives."

–Premier Sandy Silver

"We are pleased to announce that changes to the Beverage Container Regulation will be rolled out on August 1, 2017. We have decided to delay the Designated Material Regulations to February 1, 2018 to allow for more consultation with the business community. Thanks to all municipalities for working with us to develop a Yukon-wide solid waste strategy."

–Minister of Community Services John Streicker

"The unprecedented engagement between the Yukon government, numerous Yukon government department staff and our municipal leaders during this year's conference contributed to its success. Thank you to our Faro hosts for their fabulous hospitality."

–Association of Yukon Communities president Diana Rogerson

Quick facts

- The Government of Yukon proposed changes to the Beverage Container Regulation and the Designated Materials Regulation last year.
- The Association of Yukon Communities represents the priorities of all Yukon municipalities and local advisory councils.
- This annual general meeting is an opportunity for the territorial and municipal governments and local advisory councils to share knowledge, attend workshops and discuss policy.
- Infrastructure funding for communities comes from federal funds programs including the Small Communities Fund, the Clean Water and Waste Water Fund and the Gas Tax Fund.

Learn more: Association of Yukon Communities, Recycling Regulations, Infrastructure Funding

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