



FOR RELEASE  
September 17, 2014

## **Public review to be launched into proposed changes to recycling regime**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is seeking public comment on its plans to modernize the recycling regulations in order to meet current and future needs of Yukon communities.

"Updating the recycling regime will allow consumers to recycle more beverage containers as well as help keep products such as electronic waste and tires out of our landfills," Minister of Environment Currie Dixon said.

The proposed changes affect the *Beverage Container Regulation* and the *Designated Materials Regulation*. A discussion document will be available online, at territorial agent offices or Department of Environment district offices. Comments can be provided by mail, online, fax or email from September 18 to November 21.

"These proposed changes reflect the government's continued commitment to promote recycling and responsible waste management throughout Yukon," Minister of Community Services Brad Cathers said.

The government began the current recycling system in 1992, in order to reduce the number of beverage containers going to landfills, and later added specific tires. The proposed changes will ensure that recycling fees better cover the costs of diverting and processing recyclable materials by:

- Making all beverage containers subject to a recycling surcharge
- Requiring a recycling fee for all sizes of tires sold in Yukon, and
- Requiring a recycling fee for many electronic and electrical products sold in Yukon.

### **Learn more:**

Recycling public review or call 867-667-5683

-30-

### **Contact:**

Elaine Schiman  
Cabinet Communications  
867-633-7961  
elaine.schiman@gov.yk.ca

Melissa Madden  
Communications, Environment  
867-667-5237  
melissa.madden@gov.yk.ca

Roxanne Stasyszyn  
Communications, Community Services  
867-393-6489  
roxanne.stasyszyn@gov.yk.ca

*News Release #14-208*



Stay up to date with the latest Yukon government news by subscribing to our RSS feed here:  
<http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/rss.html>. Or follow us on Twitter @yukongov.