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Government of Yukon supports recycling with amended regulations

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon passed new regulations to enhance the territory's recycling system, announced Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko and Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon.

"Yukoners have demonstrated their commitment and desire to divert waste by increasing their recycling efforts," Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said. "Our government is committed to recycling, waste reduction and diversion. We are working together with our partners to implement these changes."

The changes affect the Beverage Container Regulation, which stipulates surcharges and refunds on products like pop cans, juice bottles and alcoholic beverage containers, as well as the Designated Material Regulation, which includes surcharges for some types of vehicle tires.

The changes simplify the Beverage Container Regulation and include milk products and milk substitutes. The changes also expand the Designated Material Regulation to include more tire sizes, electronics and electrical products.

"Stewardship regulations that apply recycling surcharges to products encourage Yukoners to be more conscientious consumers," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. "These changes support Yukoners' efforts towards protection of the environment and mark a big step in our evolving system of more sustainable waste management."

The amendments were informed by information from established systems in other Canadian jurisdictions and by input received through consultation with stakeholders and the Yukon public.

The regulations fall under Yukon's Environment Act, enforced by the Department of Environment, and the Department of Community Services, as the authority responsible for territory-wide solid waste management.

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