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Government of Yukon increases support for recycling and local processors

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is increasing financial support for recycling services to provide greater certainty and viability for recycling processors in Yukon.

"We know how important recycling is to Yukoners and we are committed to promoting responsible solid waste management, increased waste diversion and environmental stewardship in Yukon," Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said.

The Government of Yukon is committing up to \$717,010 in diversion credits for local recycling processors. Diversion credits provide processors with funding based on the type and amount of non-refundable recyclables that they handle and process, including cardboard, textiles and plastics.

In addition, the Yukon government is increasing the processing fees paid to recycling processors on refundable beverage containers by 20 per cent, an increase of about \$90,000.

"This increase in funding will reduce the pressure faced by our local processors and give us the time needed to implement a recycling system that is financially and environmentally sustainable," Dixon added.

The Government of Yukon is continuing consultation with industry partners on the territory's recycling regulations, which will further contribute to responsible waste management.

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