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GNWT Continues Waste Paper Products Initiative

Yellowknife (March 1, 2010) - Applications are now being accepted for the second year of the Waste Paper Products Recycling Initiative in the Northwest Territories (NWT).

The three-year funding initiative provides financial assistance to NWT municipalities, organizations, businesses, and individuals to initiate and develop innovative ways to reuse waste paper and cardboard products destined for landfills.

Waste paper and cardboard continues to make up a large portion of community landfills in the NWT.

Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) J Michael Miltenberger says he is looking forward to advancing creative and effective proposals to convert paper and cardboard waste into useful products that can be reused or recycled in the North.

“The potential exists for paper waste to be reused as raw materials right here in the NWT,” he said. “Through this initiative we can reduce the environmental and economic costs associated with shipping paper products south for recycling.”

In their priorities for action, the 16th Legislative Assembly have committed to supporting initiatives and investments that will promote a sustainable environment for present and future generations.

In other regions, paper products have been used to manufacture products like cellulose insulation, fuel bricks and pellets, packing materials, wallboard and animal bedding.

The deadline to apply for the Waste Paper Products Recycling Initiative is April 30, 2010. For more information, visit www.icarenwt.ca.

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