

## Paper and Cardboard Recycling Initiative

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*YELLOWKNIFE (March 09, 2009)* – The launch of a paper and cardboard recycling initiative in the Northwest Territories (NWT) was announced today by the Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.

“Waste paper and cardboard make up a large portion of our community landfills,” said Minister Miltenberger. “We want to divert some of that waste, turn it into something that can be recycled and reused. This initiative will help us do that.”

Through the Waste Reduction and Recovery Act, funding will be available for the development of innovative, alternative, end-of-life uses for significant volumes of paper-based materials recovered or diverted from the NWT waste stream.

“Shipping bulky paper and cardboard south for recycling greatly reduces the environmental and economic benefits of recycling,” said Minister Miltenberger. “We’re looking for innovative ways to recycle and reuse these materials right here in the NWT.”

Financial assistance is available for NWT-based municipalities, organizations, businesses, and individuals to initiate and develop progressive methods of recycling paper products.

“This initiative will help extend the lives of local landfills and also maintain and improve the quality of our environment,” said Miltenberger.

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