

Waste Reduction and Recovery Programs

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Statement to the Legislative Assembly

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to update this House on the implementation of the Waste Reduction and Recovery Act.

As Members are aware, the legislation to enable the development and implementation of waste recovery programs was passed by the 14th Legislative Assembly in October 2003. The new act establishes a framework for waste reduction programs and provides for the formation of a Waste Reduction and Recovery Advisory Committee.

This committee will play a vital role in the establishment and operation of waste recovery programs developed by this government, including the proposed beverage container recovery program.

A recent call for expressions of interest for people interested in serving on this committee was very successful. A number of qualified women and men representing industry, business, municipalities, and environmental organizations, as well as those with an avid interest in recycling from throughout the Northwest Territories, put their names forward to serve on the Advisory Committee.

I expect to appoint Members to the Waste Reduction and Recovery Advisory Committee within the next few weeks. It is my hope that the committee can hold its initial meeting in April when they can begin discussions on the first proposed program, the beverage container recovery program.

Mr. Speaker, the success of any waste recovery program will depend in large part on the participation and support of the residents of the Northwest Territories. I believe the Waste Reduction and Recovery Advisory Committee will be instrumental in ensuring the necessary support and participation in these worthwhile endeavours.

Thank you.