

Northern CARE NEWS



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Northern CARE (Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises) is a non-profit organization established in 1994 for the purpose of advancing recycling and waste management in northern Alberta. It is managed by a Board of Directors representing municipal and provincial governments, recycling and waste management groups, media, educational institutes and non-profit organizations. Northern CARE strives to:

- Coordinate recycling and waste management initiatives in northern Alberta, in a pro-active and effective manner;
- Promote the importance of northern recycling and waste minimization;
- Coordinate and develop partnerships, bringing together diverse interests for the purpose of generating sustainable economic development opportunities for recycling in northern Alberta.

NORTHERN ALBERTA RECYCLING CONFERENCE

The 2004 Northern Alberta Recycling Conference is scheduled for September 8-10 and is being hosted by the City of Grande Prairie and the County of Grande Prairie. Did we mention that it is looking to be a "Grande" time??

The focus at this year's conference is Alberta. There are a variety of issues facing Alberta municipalities today with regard to waste management & recycling. Speakers will address issues that are currently on the table, as well as provide insight into possible solutions to a variety of concerns. Topics will cover what's happening at the Provincial Government Level as well as issues that northern municipalities are having to deal with today. Tours of local recycling and waste management establishments will enlighten delegates as to the efforts this region has taken to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Mark your calendars and book your flights early to ensure your attendance at the 2004 Northern Alberta Recycling Conference, September 8-10, Quality Hotel & Conference Centre, Grande Prairie AB.

If you require a conference brochure and registration form, contact Linda at executivedirector@northerncare.org or toll free at 866-818-CARE (2273).

Be CompuSmart- Recycle Your Electronics!

MAXUS Technology Inc. and ComputSmart Canada have partnered to announce their "Be CompuSmart Recycle Your Electronics!" drop-off program. This program is the first of its kind in Canada and an easy solution for Albertans to recycle their electronic equipment.

Anyone will be allowed to drop-off electronic equipment and, for a nominal fee (designed to cover the cost of transport and have it recycled), CompuSmart has agreed to give those who bring in equipment for recycling, a gift certificate for 10% of the amount they paid for recycling, which can be used at any CompuSmart location. Contact your local CompuSmart store for details. *Source: Calgary Herald*

ALBERTA E-WASTE STEWARDSHIP

The province has completed its reviewing process into waste regulations, stewardship programs and existing collection infrastructure in order to develop effective policies to design a made-in-Alberta e-waste stewardship program. Between November 24 and December 5, 2003, 118 people representing eight stakeholder interests participated in six workshops across Alberta. Overall, a majority of workshop participants expressed agreement with the program proposal and the elements it contained.

Environment Minister Lorne Taylor will expand the mandate of the Tire Recycling Management Association (TRMA) to encompass e-waste, rather than create a new stewardship board

...THIS NOW IN: Alberta's Premier Announces a Recycling Program for Electronics -

Its official, Alberta is implementing a recycling stewardship program for waste electronics. Premier Klein announced recently that this program will soon be in place, further expanding on Alberta's successes with current used oil and tire recycling programs.

Electronics, often containing toxic materials like mercury, lead, and

cadmium, need to be diverted to prevent leaching of these toxins into the ground and water.

Environment Minister Lorne Taylor's plan, which was approved by cabinet, includes the implementation of a recycling fee which will be charged on top of the price of new electronics. This fee will be dedicated to ensure the electronics are safely collected and recycled. The plan will now be presented to caucus and the amounts of the recycling fees will be established for televisions and computers.

Northern CARE is pleased about the announcement and looks forward to the first Canadian province to introduce a stewardship program to recycle obsolete electronics.

USED OIL MAY RECEIVE TOXIC LABEL

Used crankcase oil may be added to the List of Toxic Substances under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act and the impact that this will have on the oil recovery industry is uncertain. Federal Health and Environment Ministers are recommending the new designation in light of new information about the harmful effects of leakage of waste oil from vehicles. The Canadian Petroleum Products Institute and the re-refining industry are already preparing to challenge the proposed designation. If used oil is classified as toxic the federal government must come up with an action plan within two years, which may impose additional burdens on the used oil recycling industry. *Source: Recycling Canada*

Other Events??

Recycling Council of Alberta 2004 Conference will be held at the Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta on October 6-8, 2004. Contact 403-843-6563 or info@recycle.ab.ca

Recycling Council of British Columbia 2004 Conference will be held June 9-11 at Whistler, BC. Contact 604-683-6009 or events@rcbc.bc.ca

David Suzuki Foundation



The David Suzuki Foundation has introduced a new national initiative called "**Nature Challenge for Kids (NC4K)**". It includes a list of 10 things that kids can do to protect nature, such as walking or biking to their destination and getting involved in an environmental club. An **NC4K tool-kit** is available for educators complete with booklets, stickers, a poster and a video. Visit www.davidsuzuki.org for more information or contact executivedirector@northerncare.org

SASKATCHEWAN GETS NEW SOLID WASTE BALER

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Kindersley, Saskatchewan is the first town in western Canada to bale all solid waste and recyclables in a single facility. The new conveyor and baling system automatically bales cardboard, paper, metal and mixed solid waste, allowing easy changeover from one material to the next. Baling solid waste leaves less exposed garbage on the working face and requires less space at the landfill and eliminates the need for further compaction by heavy machinery. The facility will reduce blowing debris and destruction by seagulls and rats. For more information, contact Tom Button at Ecotainer-Anex Recycling Equipment at 604-535-7239.

ALBERTA WASTE STRATEGY

Alberta Environment is implementing a long-term Waste Strategy. The strategy encompasses and consolidates issues and initiatives related to municipal solid waste, industrial waste and hazardous waste. Consultation is a major component of the Waste Strategy. A Waste Management Stakeholder Group has been formed comprised of one representative from each of the key waste management stakeholder organizations. The Waste Management Stakeholder Group will serve as a communications network and a steering committee. The terms of reference and consultation process for the Waste Management Stakeholder Group will evolve over time.

Effective immediately, Alberta Environment will not accept applications for approvals for designated oilfield/industrial cells at municipal or regional landfills, with or without proposed partnerships, until the formal policy review process is completed.



LOCAL RECYCLER RECEIVES CONTRACT AND DONATES BACK TO THE TOWN!!!

The Town of Bonnyville and the Cold Lake Recycling Centre have signed a 3 year municipal service agreement. The Cold Lake Recycling Centre will provide the Town of Bonnyville with five cardboard bins, one office paper bin, one newspaper/magazine/book bin, one milk container bin, one glass bin, one plastic shopping bag bin and one tin can bin.

Hussain Elkadri, owner of Cold Lake Recycling Centre has included in the agreement that his company will donate 15% net profit revenue back to the Town of Bonnyville for schools, hospitals, sports and non profit charities. Also, the Town of Bonnyville will receive 10% of the recyclable's sales after deducting the cost of freight. The Recycling Centre will receive the charity donation receipts.

An Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on April 30th at noon in the Town of Bonnyville! See you there!

"MY LIFE AS A PLASTIC BOTTLE",

an all-Alberta pilot for a series of videos to promote recycling and environmental stewardship, was released. The series complements the Alberta Grade IV Science Curriculum Unit "Waste and Our World" and has been distributed by Destination Conservation and Rainbow Bridge Communications with a teachers' guide.

While managing mountains of waste and to provide youth with motivation for waste reduction, landfill manager Jule Asterisk wrote and directed this independent video project. She worked with Cameraman Richard Gustavsen to document the process of how plastic is made, with Evergreen Theatre Company to give the resources their voices, Ethereal 3D to add eyes, and Black Media Works to give production its shape. Over 40 local actors represent the human side of the equation.

Funding for this video production was provided by Northern CARE, Alberta Eco Trust Foundation, Communities Initiative Program, and Regional Environmental Action Committee, among others.

Jule Asterisk is currently coordinating a second release, "**My Life As A Tire**", and Alberta's Premier Ralph Klein has agreed to be part of the new video.

To purchase copies of the video, contact REAC at (780) 355-3054 or asterisk@telusplanet.net

RURAL MARKET UPDATES

(As of April 21,04)

Glass		
Coloured		\$0/ton
Flint		\$10/ton
Plate		\$10/ton
Paper		
Cardboard (baled)		\$60/ton
Cardboard (loose)		\$45/ton
Mixed (baled)		\$20/ton
Mixed (loose)		\$10/ton
Magazines (baled)		\$40/ton
Magazines (loose)		\$25/ton
News (baled)		\$80/ton
New (loose)		\$60/ton
Office (baled)		\$75/ton
Office (loose)		\$50/ton
Plastic		
Natural (baled)		\$400/ton
Coloured (baled)		\$175/ton
Metal		
Steel Food Cans		\$0/ton
White goods		\$0/ton

Prices reflected at the time of publishing and are subject to market fluctuations.

Individual prices may vary according to material quality, volumes and contractual agreement. Please contact your buyer to update prices at time of shipping.

RESOURCES:

Northern CARE has secured grant funding from the Shell Canada Environmental Fund for mixed-paper recycling bins for Holy Cross Catholic School in Grande Prairie, St. Clements School in Grande Prairie and a glass containment unit for Lesser Slave Lake Regional Waste Management Facility.

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Northern CARE has also completed it's two-year project to facilitate Worm Composting Education in northern elementary schools complementing the Alberta Grade IV Science Curriculum Unit "Waste in Our World". **Northern CARE** was able to present worm composting education to 117 schools through funding from **Shell Canada Environmental Fund** and **Alberta Newsprint Company**. This project gives young school children a greater understanding of environmental issues. The worm composting program not only teaches about the scientific aspects of composting but also the ecosystems and life cycles of red wigglers, it raises awareness of our surroundings and our waste, as well as the symbiotic relationship we share with all creatures - no matter how small.

Shell Canada is a proud sponsor of the 2004 Canadian Environmental Awards.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK - May 30 to June 5!

Let us know what your community is doing for Environment Week - We'll post it on our website! Send your info to executivedirector@northerncare.org

Lets Take Action on the Environment together!