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Cardboard To Be Controlled Waste

If you're reading this then it's a fairly safe bet that you're a recycler and all your recyclable materials are recycled. This bit of news won't affect you much but it's interesting. We're just a couple of months from Cardboard as a Controlled Waste. (It helps to read that last bit in dramatic voice) Starting 1st May, the City of Whitehorse will consider cardboard to be a controlled waste, which means that if cardboard is found in unsorted waste at the landfill then a fee of \$250 a tonne is charged. Though there will be a period of time with nothing more than warnings while everyone gets used to the idea. Of course, Raven is always on hand to accept all the extra cardboard and the waste haulers in town are ready to pick it up if it's separated from the regular garbage.

Community Garage Sale A Great Success

The Zero Waste partners and North Star Mini Storage held their Indoor Community Garage Sale this past weekend and it was a great success. The Canada Games Centre was the venue and a lot of people showed up to buy and sell. Garage sales are a great way to reduce waste by allowing people to buy used items and selling things they don't want instead of throwing them in the landfill. By reusing the items we reduce the need for new materials to be made



as well as reducing waste. Yes, some things just get so worn out that they can't be sold but there is a lot of stuff that has use left in it and be reused. Buying gently used items is not only good for the environment but it's easier on your wallet as well.

Members of the Vanier Secondary School Social Justice Club turned up to help promote Zero Waste. Thanks to them for their help.



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