



RAVEN REPORT

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Raven To Re-open Public Dropoff

Raven's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the society is now in a position to reopen the public dropoff in mid-May.

"We are looking forward to offering this service again to the public," says Jacqueline Bedard, Chair of the Raven board. "We know people have been anxious to use our public drop off services again."

A firm date for reopening will be announced soon. While we are anxious to be open as soon as possible and we're sure that the public would like us to be open today, these things do take some time to set up again.

So, what's happened to allow us to reopen? The Yukon government and the City of Whitehorse have announced a "temporary increase in funding" through a sliding scale for diversion credits and a change in the payment schedule.

The territorial diversion credits will be reviewed on 10th December.

Jacqueline Bedard adds "While we welcome these changes, we would like the public to understand that this financial infusion is not a long term solution. We need municipal and territorial systems that will target recyclables that are not currently captured under the Beverage Container Regulations (BCR). The City of Whitehorse's proposed blue box program is one potential system as are potential changes to YG's BCR and the Designated Materials Regulations. These are steps in the right direction."

The decision to reopen the dropoff includes a commitment to re-evaluate progress on long term solutions and financial viability over the next 10 months. "The diversion credit agreement will give us certainty until December," says Joy Snyder, ED of Raven Recycling. "We hope by then there will be new materials coming on to the BCR, a blue box system will be developed and the Yukon will be on its way to increasing diversion through a systematic approach."

Raven would like to thank the public and the governments for their support. Together we can continue recycling in the Yukon.

2015 Trade Show

The Lake Laberge Lions trade show is at the Canada Games Centre from 1st to 3rd May. Raven will be there, sharing a booth with Zero Waste Yukon and Computers for Schools Yukon. If you have questions about Zero Waste or what Raven and Computers for Schools can do for you then come along and see us.

RECYCLING CLUB NEWS

Points collection for the 2015 Recycling Club begins Saturday 9th May. Online registration starts Friday 1st May. As usual, our bottle depot will be packed on the first day so if you can wait a few days before bringing the first load you'll be doing yourself a favour.

"If you wants to understan' an enemy, you gotta walk a mile in his shoes. Den, if he's still your enemy, at least you're a mile away and he's got no shoes." – The Trollish philosopher Plateau as quoted by Sir Terry Pratchett



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