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Keep Supporting Raven & Recycling

As of 15th October Raven will no longer be able to offer our free public drop off service "We are sad to be making this announcement today and apologize to all our customers who faithfully bring their recycling to Raven," says Jacqueline Bedard, President of the Raven Recycling Board of Directors. "Unfortunately, we cannot wait any longer for governments to build a solid funding framework to support the recycling of non-refundables." Non-refundables include such items as cardboard, paper, plastics, Styrofoam, tin cans and milk cartons. In other words, everything we collect in the bunkers. Non refundables make up about 90% of the volume processed by Raven and diversion credits from the City of Whitehorse and the Yukon Government pay for less than half the costs.

Refundable items such as pop cans come under the Beverage Container Regulations which cover the costs of recycling. Refundables currently account for about 10% of processed volume at Raven.

"This decision was difficult to make but it is the right decision," says Joy Snyder, Executive Director of Ra-

ven Recycling. "We have been providing reports, initiating meetings, responding to surveys and lobbying governments since 2008 when the commodities market crashed. We just can't keep our drop-off open any longer without a stable source of funding that covers the costs of processing and shipping." We will continue to operate and collect materials that come with a stable funding source. Those services include: PaperSave, Scrap metal, Re-Use store, Refund depot, Computers for Schools, school tours and the Zero Waste education campaign. Services will also continue for community depots and businesses and government offices that currently pay for the service that Raven provides.

Raven is asking people to please bring their beverage containers to our depot even after the 15th October. The bottle depot is part of Raven that makes money and so will help in our aims to reopen the drop-off as soon as we can. We also

are asking everyone who wants to see an effective recycling program in the Yukon to contact both Mayor Dan Curtis and Minister Brad Cathers to express your support.

The Yukon Government has announced changes to the beverage container regulations but they will not take effect for a year or so. Raven is unable to wait that long. Diversion credits and BCR funding provide money for both Raven and P&M Recycling. An increase in diversion credits will help all recycling in the Yukon. We hope that you will lend your support to the idea of a solid framework to fund recycling in the Yukon and so enable us to restore our normal service as soon as possible. Once again we do apologise for having to take this step and we hope to see you in the bottle depot while we wait for the government to resolve this issue.



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