

Waste in the Northwest Territories

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NWT Waste Context

- Population ≈ 43,000
- 33 communities
 - City of Yellowknife leadership
 - Many small and remote communities with diverse landfill practices
- Stockpiles: hazardous waste, tires, vehicles, white goods
- Permafrost changes



Waste Resource Management Strategy

- Strategy will provide foundation for future policies and standards
- Inputs for the Strategy:
 - Study of our Waste Management Systems
 - Public engagement
 - Reviewing strategies in other jurisdictions



Product Stewardship:

1) Current Programs

2) Under development – Electronics



Product Stewardship: Existing Programs

1. Beverage Container Program
 - 93% recovery rate
2. Single-use Retail Bag Program
 - 77% reduction in bag use
 - 19 million bags avoided since start of program



NEW Grant Program: Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative

**Tired of seeing garbage in your community?
Want to do something about it?**

Funding is available for municipalities, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals to reduce, reuse or recycle waste in your community.

For more information, visit icarenwt.ca,
email nwtrecycle@gov.nt.ca or call (867) 873-7654

Deadline to apply is April 15, 2014



Product Stewardship: Electronics

- Developing a regulated program
- Will be administered by Government of NWT
- Opportunities:
 - Strong public support
 - Potential support from Alberta
 - Alberta's well-established system for processor registration



Electronics: Product List

- Harmonize with Alberta's phase 1 list
 - Computers (CPUs, laptops)
 - Visual display devices (computers and TVs)
 - Printers
 - Phones
- Will Alberta adopt phase 2?
 - Audio video devices
- Cell phones?



Electronics: Collection

- Existing network of community beverage container depots
- Piloting electronics collection at four community depots
- Developing minimum criteria for operating depots
- Battery and cell phone collection boxes – proposing partnership with Call2Recycle and Recycle My Cell (CWTA)



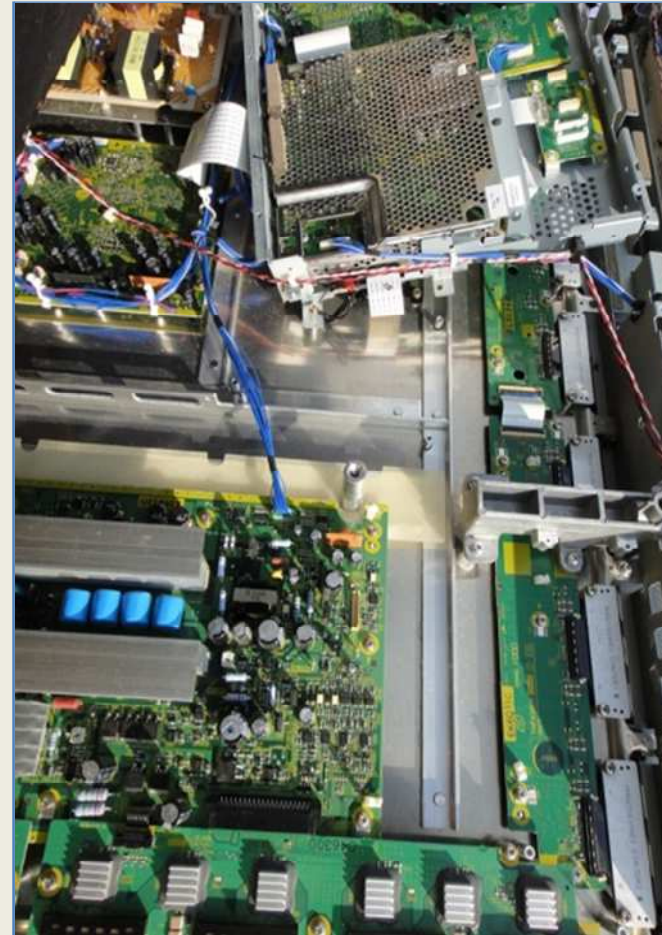
Electronics: Northern Considerations

- Storage
- Small population = small quantities
- Limited access to communities
- Equipment shortage (e.g., forklifts)
- Transportation to Alberta processor
- Out of province purchases



Electronics: Challenges / Considerations

- Structure for paying depot operators
- Identifying online distributors
- Identifying and managing community stockpiles
- Special collection for ICI sector (small volume)
- Reuse
- **Keeping consumer fees reasonable to minimize impact on NWT retail market**



EPR in the NWT?

- Limitations of NWT's *Waste Reduction and Recovery Act*
- Challenges:
 - Cross border movement of products
 - High cost of collection
 - Will industry provide the same level of service in remote communities?
- Opportunities to partner with neighbouring jurisdictions?



Thank-you

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