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Review of Solid Waste Management Practices Released

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon government released the first portion of the Yukon Solid Waste Strategy, titled *Review of Existing Practices at Yukon Unincorporated Solid Waste Facilities*, as part of its commitment to inform Yukoners of current Yukon waste management practices.

“The Government of Yukon is in the process of developing a comprehensive Solid Waste Strategy to ensure that our approach is environmentally sound, and reflects the challenges of managing solid waste in a remote northern environment,” Community Services Minister Archie Lang said.

“The comprehensive Yukon Solid Waste Strategy will be finalized for release later this summer,” Lang added. “In the meantime we will release portions of the preliminary work as they are finalized. This review of existing practices is the first part.”

The Yukon Solid Waste Strategy will include the review of existing practices at Yukon unincorporated solid waste facilities or ‘environmental footprint’; an air quality assessment; and a report on the findings of the ongoing Yukon-wide public meetings. The Yukon Solid Waste Strategy will also include a set of recommendations for best practices going forward.

Public meetings on the development of the Yukon Solid Waste Strategy began on March 31 and are continuing through the month of May. By the end of May, the government will have met with every Yukon municipality, unincorporated community, self-governing First Nation, and other stakeholders to hear about solid waste management issues specific to each community.

To find out more about the Yukon Solid Waste Strategy and for a copy of the *Review of Existing Practices at Yukon Unincorporated Solid Waste Facilities* visit www.community.gov.yk.ca

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