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Solid Waste Action Plan Released

WHITEHORSE – A new action plan that outlines a vision for a modern sustainable waste management system suited to Yukon’s climate was tabled today by Community Services Minister Archie Lang.

“The Yukon government is serious about creating a sustainable waste management system and will take measures to address both the current and future needs of all communities,” Lang said. “The Solid Waste Action Plan sets out how we can improve our infrastructure and services and take advantage of new opportunities for sustainable waste management.”

One of the first changes the public will notice is the creation of transfer stations in Tagish and Carcross, and enhanced services at the Deep Creek transfer station. About \$500,000 has been budgeted for this and other work to take place from now until March 31, 2011.

The Yukon government will establish a Solid Waste Advisory Committee to provide a forum for waste management issues for municipalities, First Nations, industry, stakeholders, NGOs, youth and certain territorial departments.

The Yukon Solid Waste Action Plan is available online at www.community.gov.yk.ca.

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