

# Waste Reduction in the Northwest Territories

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# What's Happening in the NWT

- Beverage Container Program
  - Implemented in 2005 and includes all ready-to-serve beverage containers
  - Managed by the GNWT
  - Changes to program effective February 1, 2016
- Single-use Retail Bag Program
  - Created in 2010 to reduce the number of disposal bags used in the NWT
  - A fee of 25 cents to each single-use bag that is distributed in the NWT
  - Reduced about 30 million bags since program inception.



# What's Happening in the NWT

- Electronics Recycling Program
  - Will be implemented on February 1, 2016
  - Make use of existing infrastructure already in place
  - Harmonized as much as possible with AB (e.g. product categories, processor requirements)
  - Managed by the GNWT but contracting Alberta Recycling Management Authority to manage program revenue



# Looking Ahead

- Phase 2 Electronics Recycling Program
- Waste Resource Management Strategy
  - Considers EPR and if and how it would work in the NWT
  - Contemplates changes to the NWT's *Waste Reduction and Recovery Act*
  - Sets short and long-term goals and priorities for waste diversion programs to be implemented
  - Sets priorities and identifies opportunities to modernize waste management systems

# Questions

