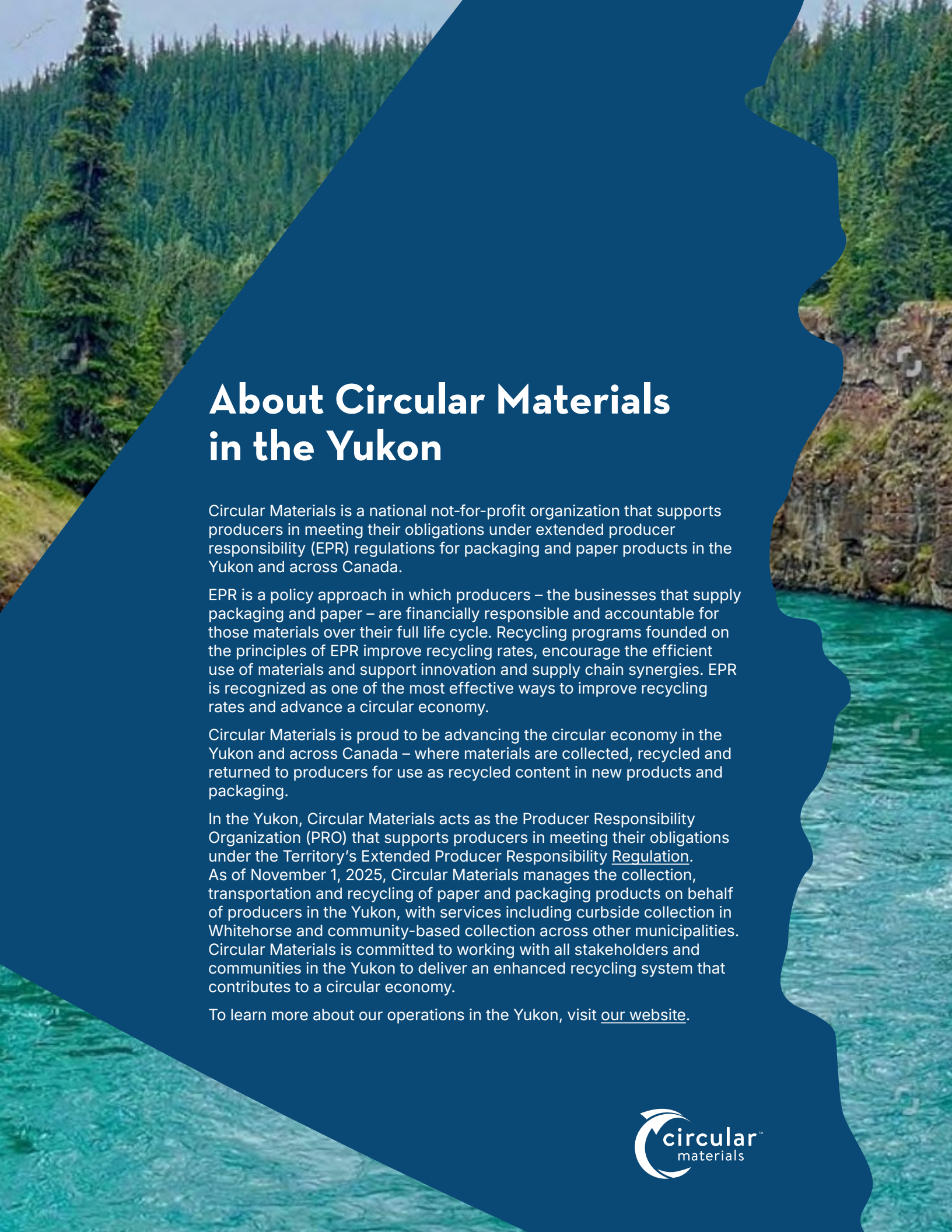
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About Circular Materials in the Yukon

Circular Materials is a national not-for-profit organization that supports producers in meeting their obligations under extended producer responsibility (EPR) regulations for packaging and paper products in the Yukon and across Canada.

EPR is a policy approach in which producers – the businesses that supply packaging and paper – are financially responsible and accountable for those materials over their full life cycle. Recycling programs founded on the principles of EPR improve recycling rates, encourage the efficient use of materials and support innovation and supply chain synergies. EPR is recognized as one of the most effective ways to improve recycling rates and advance a circular economy.

Circular Materials is proud to be advancing the circular economy in the Yukon and across Canada – where materials are collected, recycled and returned to producers for use as recycled content in new products and packaging.

In the Yukon, Circular Materials acts as the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) that supports producers in meeting their obligations under the Territory's Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation. As of November 1, 2025, Circular Materials manages the collection, transportation and recycling of paper and packaging products on behalf of producers in the Yukon, with services including curbside collection in Whitehorse and community-based collection across other municipalities. Circular Materials is committed to working with all stakeholders and communities in the Yukon to deliver an enhanced recycling system that contributes to a circular economy.

To learn more about our operations in the Yukon, visit our website.

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Message from Chief Executive Officer



We are pleased to share this inaugural 2025 Annual Report for Circular Materials in the Yukon, highlighting our foundational work and progress to advance a circular economy for packaging and paper products in the Yukon.

On November 1, 2025, Circular Materials launched the transition to an extended producer responsibility (EPR) framework for the recycling of household packaging and paper products in the Yukon. As the first territory in Canada to adopt EPR, this marked an important milestone for the North.

With the launch of EPR, producers assumed responsibility for funding and managing the end of life recycling of packaging and paper products, reducing costs for municipalities and residents while supporting a more consistent and accessible recycling system across the territory.

The transition to EPR comes following the Government of the Yukon's introduction of the EPR regulation for packaging and paper products on January 25, 2024. On February 1, 2025, the Government of Yukon approved Circular Materials' Stewardship Plan for Packaging, Paper and Single-Use Products, setting the stage for the launch in November 2025 and marking a significant step toward modernizing recycling across the territory.

Achieving these milestones across 2025 required extensive collaboration with the Government of Yukon, municipal and First Nations partners, local service providers, producer members, and communities across the territory. Their insights and partnership were essential in shaping a program that reflects the realities of northern communities and supports long-term environmental and economic benefits.

This 2025 annual report reflects territory-wide recycling performance metrics that are being tracked for the first time. The performance data included in this annual report, while only covering two months of operations from the EPR launch on November 1 – December 31, 2025, is a starting point for the territory-wide collection of system performance data that will help drive continuous improvements to the program in 2026 and beyond.

Looking ahead, our focus is on building on the progress made in 2025. We look forward to continuing to work with partners to strengthen local recycling and advance a circular economy across the Yukon.



Allen Langdon,
Chief Executive Officer, Circular Materials

Message from Managing Director, Alberta and the Yukon



2025 was a pivotal year in the Yukon's transition toward an efficient and effective recycling system for packaging and paper products. After extensive preparations— including community engagement and service planning approaches tailored to the North, we launched the EPR recycling program on November 1, 2025. The program's design reflects the unique needs of the North, including long travel distances, small population centres and the importance of reliable service continuity.

Collaboration with partners and stakeholders was central to our progress throughout 2025. We worked closely with the Government of Yukon, municipalities, First Nations, local service providers, and producer members to ensure a smooth transition. Engagement sessions held across the territory helped us understand community needs and expectations, and our promotion and education efforts supported residents as they prepared for the new system. These collective efforts helped ensure that recycling services continued without disruption during the transition.

As part of the launch, curbside blue bin collection in Whitehorse, Dawson and Haines continued with no changes to service providers or collection schedules. In collaboration with partners, we also enabled Whitehorse residents to recycle packaging and paper materials at the Raven ReCentre, replacing the City's temporary depot at the Waste Management Facility. In addition, we introduced a Recycling App, giving Yukon residents convenient access to collection reminders, recycling guidance and service updates.

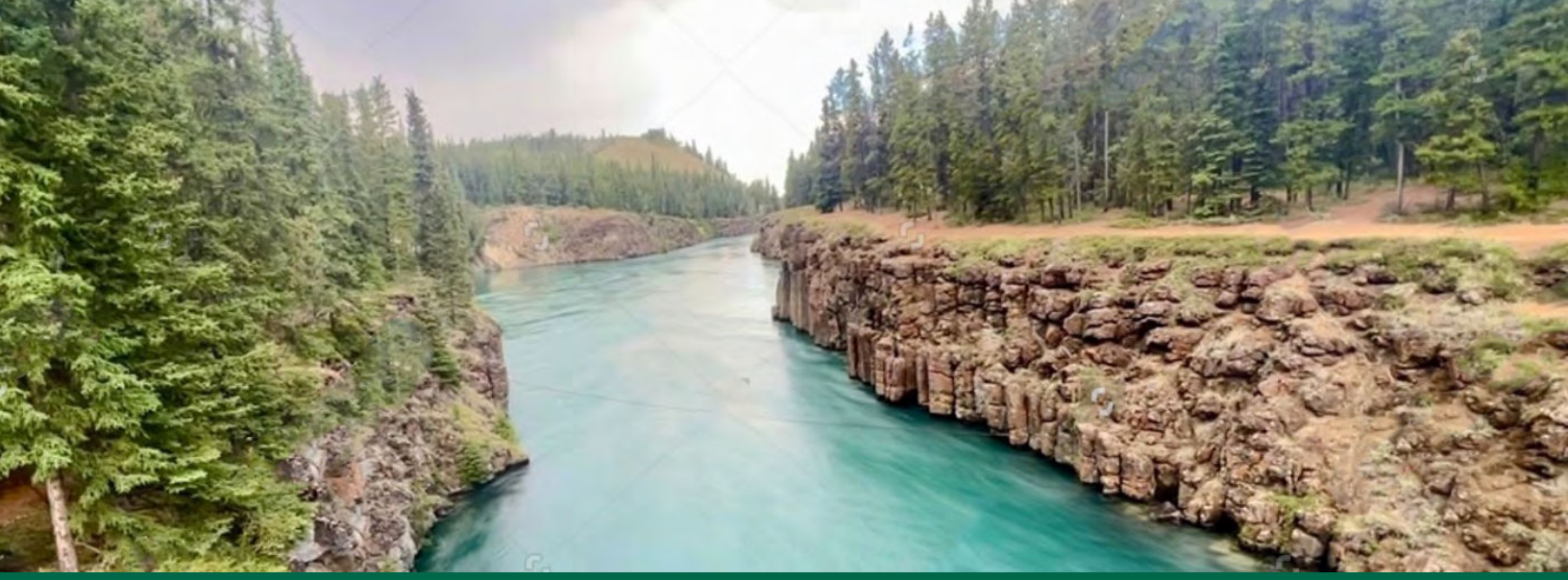
As we continue to build on the foundation established in 2025, our focus in 2026 is on:

- Supporting communities and service providers through the first full year of EPR operations.
- Strengthening promotion and education efforts to help residents understand what can be recycled and how to reduce contamination.
- Preparing for future program expansions including the introduction of small business curbside collection services and a unified list of accepted materials – now planned for 2029.

With the program now operational and planning for future enhancements underway, we are working with partners to build an efficient and effective recycling system tailored to the unique needs of Yukoners. I am excited about the progress we will continue to make together in 2026 and beyond.



Blaire Gaalaas
Managing Director, Alberta and the Yukon, Circular Materials



Yukon EPR Program Background & Regulatory Context

In January 2024, the Government of Yukon released the Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation under the Environment Act, establishing the territory's first EPR framework for packaging and paper products. The Regulation covers paper, rigid and flexible plastics, glass and metal, shifting responsibility for the collection and management of these materials from municipalities to the producers of these materials.

In preparation for the launch of the EPR program, Circular Materials conducted extensive stakeholder engagement and submitted a Stewardship Plan. The plan was approved on February 1, 2025, and the program officially launched on November 1, 2025.

In the lead-up to the launch, Circular Materials worked closely with the Government of Yukon to finalize operational details and address specific concerns related to the unique needs of the Yukon.

Operational planning included discovery meetings with contractors and municipalities across the territory to establish service delivery options, including curbside collection in Whitehorse and community-based services in other communities. The Yukon Territory and First Nations Working Group was also established, with monthly meetings beginning in May 2025 to support ongoing community engagement.

Following program launch, in September 2026, the Government of Yukon made the decision to pause the expansion of EPR collection to include glass, foam packaging, flexible plastics, aerosols and collection services for small businesses until January 1, 2029 (originally planned for May 2027). To further support program delivery and address cost concerns unique to the Yukon, the Government also announced a packaging and paper rebate program to support local producers and offset the higher per-product fees paid by Yukon businesses compared to other provinces.

Circular Materials is committed to working collaboratively with government, stakeholders and communities throughout the territory to deliver a strong recycling system that supports a circular economy in the Yukon.

2025 Highlights

2025 was a significant year for advancing EPR for packaging and paper products in the Yukon. Below are some key milestones of the Yukon transition to EPR in 2025.

We look forward to continuing efforts and working with all stakeholders in 2026 and beyond to deliver a results-driven recycling program for packaging and paper products across the territory.

2025 MILESTONES

2025 FEB

The Yukon Government approves Circular Materials' Stewardship Plan

2025 MAY

Yukon Territory and First Nations Working Group established

2025 NOV

Phase 1 launch promotion and education campaign, including:

- Printed calendar and guides mailed to all Yukon residents
- Newspaper adverts in the Yukon news distributed to 49% of Yukon residents
- 47 printed posters distributed to various community locations
- New signage installed at the Raven Recycling Centre in Whitehorse and the Mayo Solid Waste Management Facility in the Village of Mayo

DIGITAL ONLINE MEDIA RESULTING IN:

- **6,365** clicks
- **145,410** impressions

LAUNCH OF CIRCULAR MATERIALS RECYCLING APP, RESULTING IN:

- **245** app downloads
- **1900+** app interactions

Phase 1 EPR Launch

- **3** communities, Haines Junction, Teslin and Whitehorse, receive curbside recycling
- **17** communities have access to depot collection
- **2** pre-conditioning facilities manage collected materials



Collaborating with Communities and Stakeholders

Delivering an effective EPR program in the Yukon depends on close collaboration with a wide range of partners, including the territorial government, municipalities, First Nations communities, producers, service providers and other stakeholders across the supply chain.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Circular Materials has prioritized building relationships with communities across the territory in line with the Yukon Government's Engagement Requirements. In developing the Stewardship Plan, and the promotion and education strategy, Circular Materials engaged extensively with Yukoners through in-person and online meetings, focus group research and community discovery sessions to understand local recycling behaviours, challenges and the unique infrastructure and geographic realities of the North. These conversations helped shape how collection services would work in Whitehorse and in smaller communities across the territory.

YUKON TERRITORY AND FIRST NATIONS WORKING GROUP

In May 2025, Circular Materials established the Yukon Territory and First Nations Working Group, a forum for ongoing dialogue and collaboration with communities. The group meets monthly and provides an opportunity for communities to share feedback, ask questions and engage directly with the Circular Materials team as the program evolves. As the EPR program in the Yukon matures, the Working Group will continue to play an important role in ensuring the recycling system reflects the needs of communities across the territory.

Circular Materials' engagement with communities will continue to ensure we stay responsive to community needs as the EPR program evolves.



Engaging Yukoners through Promotion and Education

In 2025, promotion and education (P&E) efforts focused on educating and increasing public awareness, improving recycling behaviours, and supporting the Yukon's transition to an extended producer responsibility (EPR) system. P&E plans are tailored specifically for Yukon residents and are measured and updated to ensure effectiveness. In 2025, we developed a variety of initiatives to help create awareness on recycling topics, including customizable assets that communities can use to support efforts and calls to action.

Key P&E objectives included reducing contamination from curbside collection, driving awareness of new tools such as the Recycling App and website pages, and ensuring residents were kept informed about evolving recycling services and depot options in their local community. P&E initiatives sought to provide clear, accessible information and consistent branding with the goal of building trust and encouraging recycling participation across all communities.

PROMOTION & EDUCATION OBJECTIVES:

MEET P&E REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

Recycling education, publicly accessible website, available in print.

SEAMLESS TRANSITION FOR RESIDENTS

Duplicate and enhance the P&E initiatives received prior to transition.

INCREASE RECYCLING RATES

Increase participation through education and awareness. Reduce contamination by influencing recycling behaviour.

READY, RECYCLE, REPEAT CAMPAIGN

Circular Materials has a simple, easy-to-understand call to action – Ready, Recycle, Repeat – which is used on all P&E assets and materials to help influence resident behaviour and address different topics including: what consumers need to do before material goes in the bin, what to do when placing materials in the recycling bin and at the depot, and finally, why recycling is so important.

Recycling preparation and what you need to do before material goes into the recycling bin.	What you need to do when placing material in the bin and at the curb.	Continuing the behaviour cycle, focusing on why recycling is important.

CAMPAIGNS

Several targeted campaigns were delivered between November and December 2025 to support behaviour change and awareness. A multi-channel app promotion campaign (Meta, Google, print, and out-of-home) generated over 40,000 impressions and 200 app downloads, helping residents access local recycling information.

The EPR transition launch campaign promoted the reopening of recycling services at the Raven ReCentre and introduced the Circular Materials (Ready. Recycle. Repeat.) brand, resulting in over 145,000 impressions and 1,664 website visits.

A print campaign in Whitehorse addressing glass contamination in curbside recycling contributed to a measurable reduction in improper disposal. Additionally, a holiday campaign provided timely guidance on recycling seasonal items.







RECYCLING GUIDES AND CALENDARS

To support residents with accurate and accessible information, approximately 20,000 recycling guides and calendars were printed and distributed across the Yukon. These materials provided clear instructions on sorting, collection schedules and depot usage, reinforcing proper recycling behaviours and helping reduce contamination. The guides remain a key tool for reaching households who do not have regular access to digital platforms.





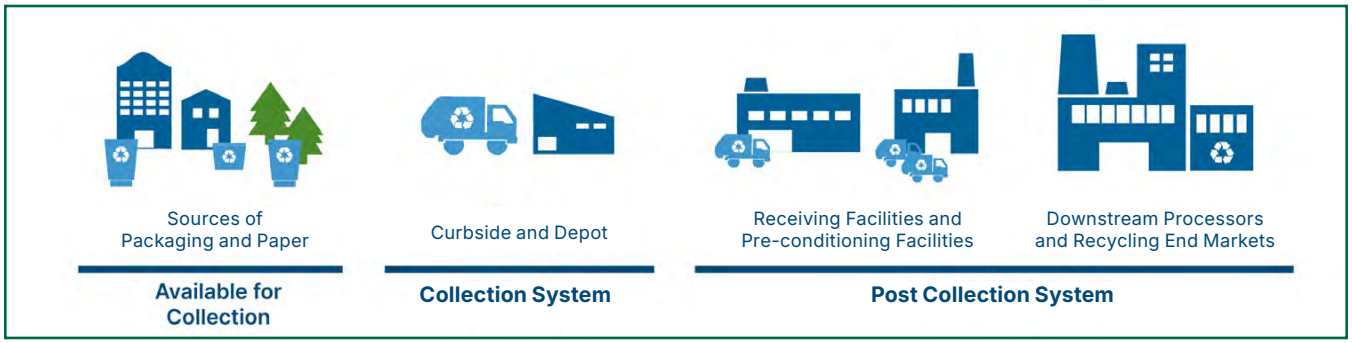
WEBSITE

The launch of new Yukon resident webpages significantly enhanced access for the most up-to-date local community recycling information. In November and December 2025, the Yukon webpages recorded over 7,400 visits from approximately 2,700 users.

RESIDENT-FACING SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

Social media platforms played a key role in amplifying campaign messages and engaging directly with residents. Channels were used to promote the app, share educational content, support campaign rollouts, and provide timely reminders and updates. Social media also enabled two-way communication, allowing residents to ask questions and receive clarification, helping to reinforce correct recycling behaviours and increase overall program awareness.

2025 Collection and Post-Collection System Performance



The recycling journey in the Yukon involves collecting materials from residential curbside and depots and transporting these materials to a pre-conditioning facility for sorting and processing before then baling and selling materials to recycling end-markets.

The 2025 performance data below includes designated paper and packaging products (PPP) (i.e., paper, rigid plastic, metal and glass) collected and managed by Circular Materials in the Yukon for two months from November 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, following the EPR launch.

COLLECTION SYSTEM:



Collection methods across the Yukon are tailored to the unique needs of the territory to ensure consistent levels of service to households in remote and rural communities in addition to more populated centres such as Whitehorse. As described below, the collection system for paper and packaging materials in the Yukon includes residential curbside collection, depot collection and institutional collection.

1. **Residential curbside collection**: Three Yukon communities are now receiving curbside collection, including the City of Whitehorse, Haines Junction and Teslin. This creates a convenient system for residents in these areas to recycle materials.
2. **Depot drop-off:** Depot collection is defined as the collection of designated materials from residents at a location operated by a collection service partner. Circular Materials collaborates with government and communities for the management and operation of 17 depot sites across the Yukon, providing an easy way for people to recycle material free of charge. Please see the appendix of this report for the location and addresses of all 17 depot sites.
3. **Institutional facilities and schools:** Select schools and institutional facilities in the Whitehorse area also received recycling collection service in 2025. In 2026, Circular Materials will continue efforts to make the EPR program available to all schools and institutions in the Yukon through either collection services or depot access.

COLLECTIONS PERFORMANCE DATA:

2023 Producer supply data (tonnes) for PPP materials supplied in the Yukon

	PAPER	RIGID PLASTIC	FLEXIBLE PLASTIC	METAL	GLASS	TOTAL
Normalized Producer Supply Data (2023 pro-rated for 2 months of operations)	199.8	60.7	34.2	14.4	23.3	332.4
Actual Producer Supply Data 2023 Full Year	1,199	364	205	86	140	1,994

While this 2025 Annual Report focuses on 2025 collection data, it utilizes 2023 producer supply data. 2025 producer supply data will be submitted and verified in mid-2026 and presented in the 2027 annual report.

Approximately 1,994 tonnes of packaging, packaging-like products and paper products were supplied into the Yukon marketplace in 2023. **Normalized producer supply data in the table above is prorated using two months of operations in 2025.**

Total weight (tonnes) collected for designated PPP material in the Yukon in 2025 (Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2025)

MATERIAL	PAPER	RIGID PLASTIC	FLEXIBLE PLASTIC	METAL	GLASS	TOTAL
Total weight (tonnes) collected	100.4	28.5	0	3.2	0	132.2

The table above shows the total amount of designated PPP materials collected by Circular Materials between November 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, from all eligible sources including curbside, depots, select schools and institutions.

The table reflects two months of data collected during severe winter conditions. With a full year of data in 2026 that reflects a range of seasonal conditions and a full collection cycle from depot locations, we anticipate the total weight of materials collected to increase in 2026.

Flexible plastics and glass are designated materials that will be added to the EPR collection system as the program expands in 2029.

Collection rates for designated PPP material in the Yukon in 2025 (Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2025)

	PAPER PRODUCTS	RIGID PLASTICS	FLEXIBLE PLASTICS	METAL	GLASS	TOTAL
Supplied (tonnes) 2023	199.8	60.7	34.2	14.4	23.3	332.4
Collected (tonnes)	100.5	28.5	-	3.2	-	132.2
Collection Rate	50%	47%	0%	22%	0%	40%

The table above shows the collection rate of designated PPP materials across the Yukon between November 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. Rates are calculated using the total weight (tonnes) of designated materials collected in each category divided by the pro-rated weight of materials supplied, expressed as a percentage.

It is important to note that the 2025 PPP collection rate reflects two months of collection data only (November 1 – December 31 2025). As a result, the reported rate represents an initial and limited snapshot of system performance rather than a full-year measure of collection outcomes.

A two-month reporting period is not considered sufficient to meaningfully assess overall collection performance or establish reliable trends. Collection volumes can be influenced by a range of factors, including seasonal variation, community participation, program implementation and transition activities, and changes in material generation throughout the year. These factors may be particularly pronounced during November and December due to seasonal consumption and holiday-related material generation.

Accordingly, Circular Materials considers the 2025 collection rate to be an early baseline indicator that should be interpreted as such. As additional months of operational data become available, Circular Materials will be better positioned to assess collection performance across seasonal cycles, identify trends, evaluate year-over-year performance, and establish a more representative understanding of system outcomes.

Future reporting periods will provide a more robust data set and enable a more comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness and performance of the PPP collection system.

POST-COLLECTION SYSTEM:

As part of the implementation of the Stewardship Plan approved by the Yukon Government on Feb 1, 2025, Circular Materials established a post-collection system consisting of two pre-conditioning facilities (PCFs) located in Whitehorse at the Raven ReCentre and Whitehorse Blue Bin Recycling to process and recycle collected materials.

Once materials are dropped off at the PCFs by recycling trucks, materials are then sorted into various material categories and prepared (i.e. baled or compacted) for transport to downstream processors or for sale to recycling end-markets to be made into new packaging or products.



The descriptions below outline how each material is managed in the post-collection system in the Yukon:

- **Paper** collected in the Yukon is sorted to remove any items that are not paper and to meet the grade specifications of recycling end markets.
- **Rigid plastic** materials are sorted into a single category of mixed rigid plastics that are shipped to a downstream processor for further processing or recycling.
- **Flexible plastic**: Beginning in 2029, flexible plastic packaging will be a single category of mixed flexible plastics that will be shipped to a downstream processor for recycling or further processing.
- **Glass**: Beginning in 2029 , glass will be shipped to a downstream processor, which could include new cullet for glass containers, fiberglass, road base or other glass medium applications.
- **Metal** materials are sorted into a single category of mixed metal that are shipped to a downstream processor for further processing or recycling.

POST-COLLECTION PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

Post-collection performance data includes all designated PPP materials managed by Circular Materials for two months in 2025 **(November 1 to December 31, 2025)** since the EPR launch in the Yukon.

Total weight (tonnes) of PPP materials collected and processed (November 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

DISPOSITION TYPE	PAPER	RIGID PLASTIC	FLEXIBLE PLASTIC	METAL	GLASS	TOTAL
Reuse	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Recycled[1]	70.4	3.7	0	0	0	**74.2**
Recovered/EfW	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Stored[2]	30.0	21.6	0	3.2	0	**58.0**
Disposed[3]	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
TOTAL	**100.4**	**31.8**	**0**	**3.2**	**0**	**132.2**

1. Recycled is defined as material that was shipped by preconditioning facilities (PCFs) to recycling end-markets or further processing.

2. Stored is defined as material that was processed (i.e., baled inventory) and ready to be shipped to recycling end-markets.

3. Disposed" are derived by subtracting recycled and stored tonnes from the total tonnes collected. No other management options were used for the management of collected materials in the Yukon in 2025.

The table above shows that designated PPP materials collected by Circular Materials and processed between November 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, totaled 132.2 tonnes. This total includes materials that were recycled (74.2 tonnes) and stored (58 tonnes).

Percentage of collected PPP materials in 2025 (November 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

DISPOSITION TYPE	PAPER	RIGID PLASTIC	FLEXIBLE PLASTIC	METAL	GLASS
Reuse	0	0	0	0	0
Recycled[1]	70.2%	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Recovered/EfW	0	0	0	0	0
Stored[2]	29.8%	75.7%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Disposed[3]	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**100%**	**100%**	**0.0%**	**22.2%**	**0.0%**

1. Recycled is defined as material that was shipped by preconditioning facilities (PCFs) to recycling end-markets or further processing.

2. Stored is defined as material that was processed (i.e., baled inventory) and ready to be shipped to recycling end-markets or further processing.

3. Disposed figures are derived by subtracting recycled and stored tonnes from the total tonnes collected. Circular Materials did not manage any materials through reuse, composting, recovery for energy, or containment in 2025.

From the launch of the EPR program on November 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, 100% of collected materials were managed by recycling which is defined as tonnes shipped to recycling end-markets and/or stored (i.e., baled inventory), ready for shipping to recycling end markets or further processing.

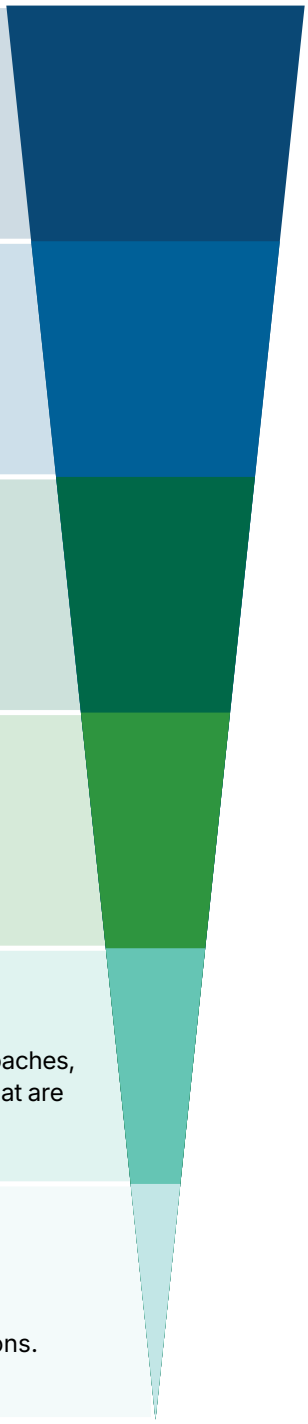
Rates of recycled and stored materials depend on several factors, including the ability to ship to end markets. Due to the small volume of materials collected and processed in the Yukon, materials may be stored for longer periods of time until there is sufficient volume to ship to end markets.

The rates in the table above are indicative of what we would expect in the first two months of an EPR transition, and this is the first time that verifiable data has been available across the Yukon. We look forward to continuing to work with communities and partners throughout the Yukon to track and measure system performance data and improve recycling across the territory.

Managing Environmental Impacts

POLLUTION PREVENTION HIERARCHY

On behalf of producers, Circular Materials is working to reduce environmental impacts and improve the recyclability of packaging in the Yukon. Circular Materials follows the pollution prevention hierarchy in managing packaging and paper products—prioritizing reducing, redesigning, reusing, recycling and recovering materials before the residual management of materials.



REDUCE

Under EPR, producers are financially responsible for the end-of-life management of the packaging and paper they supply. This accountability encourages producers to consider how to reduce the amount of material they sell into the market.

REDESIGN

Circular Materials continues to work with producers to support designing for recyclability, helping ensure packaging can be effectively managed through the recycling system.

REUSE

Under EPR, producers are incentivized to consider reusable packaging.

RECYCLE

Circular Materials provides information, resources and guidance to producers, stakeholders and communities, helping to drive engagement, reduce contamination and ensure more materials are kept in the loop to be used again and again.

RECOVER

Circular Materials collaborates with partners across Canada on new technologies and approaches, including advanced chemical and mechanical recycling, to find ways to manage materials that are not yet widely recycled through conventional methods and to increase recycling rates.

RESIDUAL MANAGEMENT

Where materials currently cannot be recycled or recovered for sale to end-markets, Circular Materials ensures they are disposed of responsibly in accordance with regulations.

Look Ahead: Accelerating a Circular Economy for Packaging and Paper Products

Circular Materials' purpose is to ***advance a circular economy.*** Accelerating this paradigm shift by transforming recycling systems is core to why we do what we do. As an organization, we are focused on building enhanced recycling systems where materials are collected, recycled and returned to producers for use as recycled content in new products and packaging. In this way, we ensure more materials are looped into the circular economy, benefiting both people and the environment.

WHAT IS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY?

A circular economy aims to eliminate waste and ensure materials are recovered and reused again and again. Its fundamental principles echo many of the aspirations in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 12, which seeks to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns to sustain the livelihoods of current and future generations. The circular economy has several key stages:

1. **Raw materials extraction**: The goal of a circular economy is to reduce the demand for "virgin resources" and promote sustainable design practices, where materials are chosen for durability and products are designed to be easy to recycle.
2. **Production and distribution**: Producers and supply chains then incorporate environmentally friendly practices through the production and distribution stage.
3. **Consumption and usage**: Consumers are encouraged to adopt responsible behaviour when consuming and using products.
4. **Collection and recycling**: Finally, products are collected and recycled for reuse rather than being thrown away.

THE ROLE OF EPR IN A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Circular Materials supports producers to meet their extended producer responsibility, or EPR, obligations across Canada. EPR is a policy approach in which producers – the businesses that supply packaging and paper – are financially responsible and accountable for those materials over their full life cycle. By extending producer responsibility to end-of-life management, EPR is fundamental to advancing the circular economy because it links the costs of collecting and managing products and packaging to those supplying the products and packaging. This supports producers to consider packaging design and the ability to meet recycling targets by reducing packaging and improving recyclability.

COLLABORATING WITH PARTNERS TO ADVANCE THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The circular economy involves collaboration between many stakeholders and Circular Materials works collaboratively with producers, communities, partners and residents to implement EPR programs across Canada; drive best practices and systemic improvements in recycling management; encourage consumer recycling behaviours; and ultimately help deliver environmental benefits. Below are some examples of how Circular Materials collaborates with partners across the supply chain to advance a circular economy for packaging and paper products (PPP).

Designing Packaging for Recyclability: Increasingly, producers are considering end-of-life management when designing new packaging for their products. Ensuring packaging is recyclable at the design stage enables the material to be recovered and returned to producers for use in new packaging as post-consumer content.

2025 marked a Canadian first, with five producer responsibility organizations – Circular Materials, Éco Entreprises Québec, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba, SK Recycles and Recycle BC – collaborating to develop new, nationally harmonized ecodesign guidelines to support greater recyclability of packaging and paper products. These guidelines will build on the packaging ecodesign and recyclability guidelines developed originally by Éco Entreprises Québec and will be structured around three main ecodesign strategies:

1. **Reduction**: optimize the "right" amount, weight and volume of product packaging that is essential and sufficient for the product's function and use by consumers.
2. **Procurement**: encourage producers to choose environmentally responsible suppliers and work jointly with them on a more transparent and traceable supply chain that prioritizes the use of recycled, renewable and certified materials.
3. **Recyclability**: encourage producers to design products to maximize the compatibility of packaging and paper products with existing and developing sorting and recycling infrastructure.



Recycling – driving innovation across recycling systems nationally: Circular Materials is committed to delivering efficient and effective EPR programs across Canada that drive innovation and enhance recycling systems. Therefore, working with partners to help drive innovation in these areas is critical.

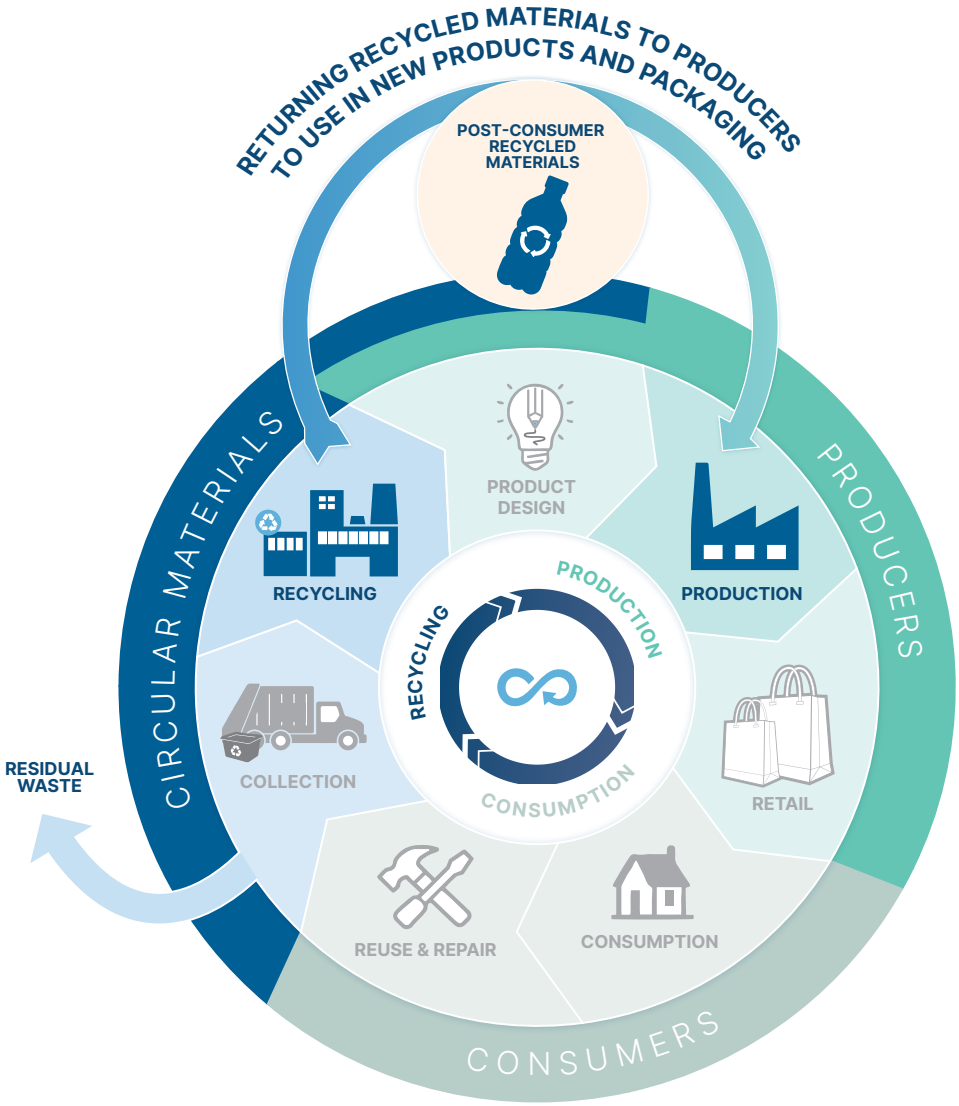
- **Plastics Recovery**: Circular Materials is partnering with ÉEQ and Recycle BC to identify mechanical and advanced chemical recycling technologies capable of achieving regulated plastics recovery targets.
- **Project to Capture Small Packaging**: Circular Materials, ÉEQ, Recycle BC and SK Recycles, in conjunction with the Circular Plastics Taskforce, are collaborating on a project to define, quantify and research solutions to increase recovery of small packaging or packaging components.



- **Flexible Plastic Packaging**: Circular Materials, Recycle BC, Éco Entreprises Québec (ÉEQ) and other circularity leaders previously collaborated on the PRFLEX, an initiative which sought to optimize the recycling system for flexible plastics packaging (FPP) in Canada and increase the use of recycled content in FPP.

Materials – Returning recycled content to producers: Circular Materials is developing a first-of-its-kind Material Access Program that will return processed materials (i.e. post-consumer recycled materials) directly back to producers for use in new products and packaging.

Material access is important because it creates a closed loop supply chain, keeping material in the economy and out of the environment. It also helps expand and develop domestic end markets in Canada for recycled materials and supports producers in meeting their targets for the use of post-consumer recycled (PCR) content.



By facilitating the transformation of materials into valuable recycled content and ensuring that products and packaging maintain their highest value through recycling, Circular Materials is helping advance the circular economy and support sustainable communities across Canada.



Appendix

22 Addresses of Depots in Yukon Communities

Addresses of Depots in Yukon Communities

COMMUNITY	DEPOT ADDRESS
Carmacks	35450 North Klondike Highway, Carmacks
Dawson	Lot 11 Rabbit Creek Road, Dawson City
Faro	71 Ross Road
Haines Junction	Lot 52 Dump Road, Haines Junction
Mayo	11 Mayo-Elsa Road, Mayo
Mount Lorne	916 South Klondike Highway, Whitehorse
Watson Lake	Auburn Drive, 1022 Alaska Highway
Teslin	Kilometre 1240 Alaska Highway
Carcross	KM 51.1 Tagish Road, Carcross and Tagish
Champagne	Approximately 8.5 km on the Champagne Access Road from KM 1504.5 Alaska Highway, Haines Junction
Deep Creek	Approximately 600 m on Deep Creek Road from KM 224.6 South Klondike Highway, Whitehorse
Destruction Bay	KM 1690 Alaska Highway, Destruction Bay
Marsh Lake	KM 1378 Alaska Highway, Marsh Lake
Tagish	51 Tagish Estates Road, Carcross and Tagish
Ross River	KM 225.2 Canol Road, Ross River
Pelly Crossing	KM 456.6 North Klondike Highway, Pelly Crossing
Raven ReCentre	100 Galena Road, Whitehorse

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