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Comité Consultatif de l'environnement Kativik
Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

Kuujjuaq, December 2, 2008

Mr. Robbie Tookalook
Mayor Northern Village of Umiujaq
P.O. BOX 108
Umiujaq (QC.)
J0M 1Y0

SUBJECT: Aluminum Can Recycling Poster

Mr. Mayor,

The Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) is pleased to send you a copy of the enclosed poster, promoting the recycling of aluminum cans in Nunavik.

Please place the poster in a visible location in your community to encourage your citizens to read the information provided and to return their cans for recycling. Each of the stores in your community has also received a copy of this poster.

Currently only 17% of the 6,000,000 aluminum cans arriving in Nunavik get recycled. By distributing this poster, our goal is to see this number increase.

Thank you for your participation and if you have any questions regarding this or other environmental issues, please do not hesitate to contact the KEAC.

Respectfully yours,

Nancy Dea
Executive Secretary

NOVEMBER 10, 2004

NATALIE GIRARD
KEAC SECRETARIAT
KULUJAK, QUEBEC

REG INFORMATION CONCERNING WHICH COMMUNITIES SENT OUT TOXIC WASTE BY SEALIFT

DEAR MS GIRARD

FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION LAST WEEK, HERE ARE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO FAR IVE COLLECTED:

PUVIANITOO; HAVE NEVER SEND ANY WASTE BY SEALIFT, BUT HAVE BEGUN TO ORGANIZE THIS YEAR FOR NEXT YEARS SEALIFT.

AKULIVIK; HAVE NOT YET CONSIDER ANY CONTAINMENT OF TOXIC WASTE HOWEVER WILL START PREPARING NEXT YEAR'S SEALIFT.

IVUSIVIK; HAVE BEGUN COLLECTING WASTE SINCE LAST YEAR BUT DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO FILL A CONTAINER, HOPES TO FILL ONE CONTAINER WITH OLD BATTERIES, OIL, ANTI-FREEZE DURING THIS WINTER AND SHIP IT OUT NEXT SEALIFT.

SALLUIT; HAVE ONLY BEGUN COLLECTING OLD BATTERIES, OLD OIL, AND WILL SHIP IT OUT NEXT YEAR.

KANGIRSUJAK; DID NOT SEND ANY WASTE, BUT HAVE BEGUN COLLECTING USED OIL TO DRUMS AND THINKS WILL BE ABLE TO SHIP WASTE NEXT YEAR.

QUAPATAU; HAD PREPARED AND COLLECTED BATTERIES, USED OIL, ANTI-FREEZE BUT COULD NOT SEND IT SOUTH DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF STICKERS INDICATING A DANGEROUS GOODS, BUT STILL COLLECTING DANGEROUS WASTE PRODUCTS AND ARE PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF ITS COMMUNITY DUMP SITE AND POSSIBLY RELOCATE IT.

KANGIASUK; HAVE COLLECTED USED OIL AND STORED IT IN BARRELS BUT DIDNT HAVE CHANCE TO SHIP IT DOWN SOUTH.


QUPALUK; HAVE SHIPPED OUT ALL DANGEROUS PRODUCTS ON FIRST SEALIFT LAST SUMMER.

TASUJAK; HAVE COLLECTED WASTE PRODUCTS, BUT DID NOT HAVE CONTAINERS IN COMMUNITY ALTHOUGH THEY PREPARE WASTE FOR SEALIFT.

ANGIRSUJAK; MAYOR OF MUNICIPALITY WAS UNAVAILABLE BUT WILL CALL ME PROBABLY TOMMORROW.

R: KUUJARAARAK, UMIUJAP, INUKJUK AND KULUJAK, I THINK YOU ALREADY HAVE INFORMATION.

- reminder.
- need assistance how to do it and where etc.


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Information given by: Mr. Eli Angiyou
Dated: November 10, 2004

Ref: INFORMATION CONCERNING WHICH COMMUNITIES SENT OUT TOXIC WASTE BY SEALIFT

Community of;

Puvirnituq: Have never send any waste by sealift, but have began to organize this year of 2004, for next year's sealift.

Akulivik: Have not yet consider any contaminant of toxic waste, however will start preparing next year's sealift.

Ivujivik: Have began collecting waste since last year, but did not have enough to fill a container, hopes to fill one container with old batteries, oil, anti-freeze during this winter and ship it out next sealift.

Salluit: Have only began collecting old batteries, old oil and will ship it out next year.

Kangirsujuag: Did not send any waste, but have began collecting used oil to drums and Thinks will be able to ship waste next year.

Quaqtaq: Had prepared and collected batteries, used oil, anti-freeze but could not send it south due to unavailability of stickers indicating a dangerous goods. But still collecting dangerous waste products and are preparing proposals for expansion of its community dumpsite and possibly relocate it.

Kangirsuk: Have collected used oil and stored it in barrels but didn't have a chance to ship it down south.

Continue: Toxic Waste, pt. 2

Aupaluk: Have shipped out all dangerous products on first sealift last summer.

Tasiujaq: Have collected waste products but did not have containers last summer although they prepared waste for sealift.

Kangirsualujjuaq: Manager of Municipality was unavailable but will call Eli, probably tomorrow of November 11, 2004.

For: Kuujjuaraapik, Umiujaq, Inukjuak and Kuujjuaq, Eli thinks that the Kativik Regional Government Environment already have the information.

- Reminder
- Need assistance, how to do it and where? Etc.



**BOISSONS GAZEUSES
ENVIRONNEMENT**

October 14th, 2004

Mr. Michael Gordon
Mayor, Northern Village of Kuujjuaq
P.O. Box 210
Kuujjuaq, Quebec
J0M 1C0

RE: Financial assistance in the purchase of an aluminum can crushing machine

Dear Mr. Gordon,

Boissons Gazeuses Environnement (BGE) considered with great interest the initiative described in your letter addressed to Mr. Edouard Darche on October 12.

Although our Subsidy Program of 2002 has now ended, we would be interested in obtaining a detailed proposal from your potential Reverse Vending Machine supplier. BGE will evaluate an eventual participation in your project upon receipt of this document.

We thank you for your efforts in managing residual waste in your community.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Normand Bisson'.

Normand Bisson
Director, Finance and Operations
514-747-7737 ext. 23

Draft copy

Final letter sent by NV
(w/out KRG receiving a copy).

Kuujuaq, October 12, 2004

Mr. Édouard Darche
President
Boissons Gazeuses Environnement
100, rue Alexis-Nihon, bureau 406
St-Laurent (Québec) H4M 2N9

RE: Financial assistance for the purchase of an aluminum can crushing machine

Mr. Darche,

The Northern Village (NV) of Kuujuaq is making efforts to address issues related to environmental management on its territory through a variety of projects, particularly those that improve and promote residual waste management. In fact, with the help and collaboration of Boissons Gazeuses Environnement (BGE) and Recyc-Québec, we have recently been able to initiate a project for recycling aluminum cans in our community.

This project constitutes a major step towards residual waste management as there is a proportionally high quantity of cans in this village. As you know, Kuujuaq is accessible only by sea or air, making it more challenging to send the cans to a recycler in the south of the province. At the moment, we have two crushing machines to prepare the cans for transportation which is insufficient for the quantity that we have.

In 2002, in an attempt to increase the rate of recycling aluminum cans in Québec, BGE managed a subsidy program to help organizations purchase machines for crushing cans. Because the recycling project in Kuujuaq started past the eligible application date, the NV of Kuujuaq could not put in a request for the subsidy and take advantage of this program.

Although the program no longer exists, we are requesting financial assistance from your organization towards the purchase of an additional crushing machine. Given the success of the recycling project to date and the quantity of cans to be recycled in this northern community, the NV of Kuujuaq deems it essential to have at least one other machine to help increase the number of cans recycled in the village.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information on this matter. We look forward to hearing from you and remain,

Respectfully yours,

Michael Gordon
Mayor
Northern Village of Kuujuaq



Kativik Regional Government
P.O. Box 9, Kuujjuaq, Quebec J0M 1C0

MEMORANDUM

To: Eric Pearson **BY FAX: 964-2020**
From: Caroline Larrivée
RE: Recycling aluminum cans
Date: July 30, 2004

Hello Eric,

I received confirmation of the agreement with Boissons Gazeuses Environnement (BGE) and Recyc-Québec. This agreement should be managed by the municipal office here in Kuujjuaq (to be confirmed). The main points of the agreement are as follows:

- 1) Transportation costs are not covered. However, BGE commits to picking up the containers of cans at a port in the Montréal region and bring them to the recycler.

Delivery will be no more often than *every two months* and we are responsible for letting BGE know the location, approximate dates of arrival, as well as the number of containers (and approximate number of cans) being sent.

- 2) BGE will send a cheque to the partner of the agreement (NV or KRG) covering the amount of the consignment (0.05\$), the amount to encourage the retailer (0.02\$) and the value of the aluminum. Only cans with the mention "Consignée 0.05\$ Refund Québec" will be refunded. This money will be immediately reimbursed to the retailer or group collecting cans.

The value of the aluminum will serve to pay for the cost of transporting the cans down to Montréal. Any additional money (above and beyond what is paid to the consumer and retailer) should serve community projects.

As for the answers to the questions you asked me:

- from now on, it will be important to conserve the coupons from the machine and to send them along with the cans;
- obviously, it is better if the cans are clean but, depending on the nature or quantity of debris, it should not be cause for the cans to be refused by the recycler;
- it isn't a problem if the cans are not crushed;
- the time required for payment depends on the time required by the recycler to send BGE the receipt and for them to prepare the necessary documents.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Caroline Larrivée
Land Use Planner



BOISSONS GAZEUSES
ENVIRONNEMENT

Received August 5, 2004
Caroline Larivée

Le 29 juillet 2004

Mme. Caroline Larivée
Aménagiste
Administration régionale Kativik
C.P. 9,
Kuujjuaq (Québec) J0M 1C0

Mme. Larivée,

Suite à notre dernière discussion au bureau de Recyc-Québec, nous tenons à vous confirmer les modalités de l'entente survenue entre vous, Recyc-Québec et BGE.

Vous nous avez demandé de l'aide dans votre projet pour maximiser la récupération et le recyclage de contenants à remplissage unique de boissons gazeuses dans votre territoire. Nous avons discuté de différentes alternatives, et nous nous sommes entendus sur la démarche suivante.

Les contenants seront acheminé vers Montréal soit par bateau, ou soit par avion. Les frais de transport seront à votre charge. BGE s'engage à cueillir les contenants à un port dans la région de Montréal, pour ensuite les acheminer vers un conditionneur. La fréquence de livraison devrait être au deux mois, et vous devrez nous aviser au préalable. La première livraison se fera en juillet 2004.

Suite à la réception et vérification du récépissé produit par le conditionneur, BGE vous fera parvenir un chèque couvrant le montant de la consigne (0,05 \$) et un frais d'encouragement à la récupération (0,02 \$). Ce montant total de 0,07\$ s'appliquera uniquement sur les contenants consignés, c'est-à-dire que les contenants qui seront sujet à compensation devront portés la mention «Consignée 5¢ Refund Québec ». Nous vous verserons aussi la valeur de l'aluminium selon le poids de la matière tel qu'établi selon le récépissé du conditionneur.

N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec le soussigné si des informations additionnelles s'avéraient nécessaire, et je vous prie d'accepter, Mme. Larivée, nos salutations distinguées.

Edouard Darche
Président

Cc M. Richard Boisvert, Recyc-Québec

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MEMORANDUM

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From: Caroline Larrivée
RE: Aluminum cans
Date: July 2, 2004

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100 rue Alexis-Nihon, bureau 406
Saint-Laurent QC H4M 2N9

I will be in contact with BGE to provide them with the information you give me so that they can send their people to pick up the cans.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Land Use Planner



Kativik Regional Government
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**Kativik Regional Government / Administration
régionale Kativik**

**Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee / Comité
consultatif de l'environnement Kativik**

MEMO / NOTE

To / À: ALL TEACHERS / TOUS LES PROFESSEURS

From / De: Caroline Larrivée, Renewable Resources, KRG
Nathalie Girard, Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee

RE / Objet: Waste management : Recycling aluminum cans
Gestion des matières résiduelles: le recyclage des
cannettes d'aluminium

Date: 22 / 01 / 2004



Hello,

The municipal office, in collaboration with the KRG and the KEAC, has initiated a recycling program for aluminum cans in order to reduce the quantity of cans that are thrown away at the dump. A few machines in town (Newviq'vi, the school) can crush the cans and prepare them for shipment down south where companies can recycle them back into new aluminum products.

We want to work in collaboration with you to create awareness towards the importance of recycling aluminum cans for students and residents.

We would like you to talk to your students about recycling cans in the village. They could **create posters** to promote recycling of aluminum cans village-wide.

Bonjour,

Le bureau municipal, en collaboration avec l'ARK et le CCEK, vient d'initier un programme de recyclage des cannettes en aluminium afin de diminuer la quantité qui se retrouve au dépotoir. Quelques machines dans le village (Newviq'vi, l'école) peuvent écraser les cannettes et les préparer pour l'envoi vers le sud où des compagnies peuvent les recycler en d'autres produits d'aluminium.

Nous souhaiterions collaborer avec vous pour sensibiliser les étudiants et la population de l'importance de recycler les cannettes en aluminium.

Nous aimerions que vous discutiez avec vos étudiants le recyclage des cannettes dans le village. Ils pourraient **créer des affiches** pour promouvoir le recyclage des cannettes à l'échelle de la communauté.

We want to encourage the students to come up with slogans (approved by the teachers) and create posters. We would have these laminated and hang them up in public spaces around town.

Information on the posters should include:

- the importance of keeping the cans clean (nothing inside the cans: no straws, no garbage, etc.)
- the importance of not crushing the cans before putting them in the machine

Other facts about recycling aluminum cans:

- It takes one aluminum can 500 years to break down. If you do not recycle the cans today, they will be here for a very long time.
- In Kuujjuaq alone, between 1.5 and 2 Million cans arrive in the village each year. For a population of approximately 2000 people, that means every person drinks at least two cans per day, every single day of the year (the students can compare this with what they drink).
- Tossing away an aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring out half of that can's volume of gasoline
- Recycling aluminum takes only 5% of the energy needed to manufacture it from raw material. 20 recycled cans can be made with the energy needed to produce one can using non-recycled material (ore).

Nous voulons encourager les étudiants à trouver des slogans (qui seront approuvés par le professeur) et créer des affiches. Nous les ferions laminées (plastifiées) puis les afficherions dans des endroits publics dans le village.

L'information sur les affiches devrait inclure :

- l'importance de garder les cannettes propres (rien dans la cannettes, comme des pailles, des déchets, etc.)
- l'importance de ne pas écraser la cannette avant de la mettre dans la machine

D'autres faits concernant le recyclage des cannettes en aluminium :

- Il faut 500 ans pour qu'une cannette se désintègre.
- À Kuujjuaq seulement, il y a entre 1,5 et 2 Millions de cannettes qui arrivent au village chaque année. Pour une population d'environ 2000 personnes, cela veut dire que chaque personne boit au moins deux cannettes par jour à tous les jours de l'année (vous pouvez vérifier avec les étudiants afin de comparer leur propre consommation).
- Jeter une cannette en aluminium gaspille autant d'énergie que vider la moitié du volume de la cannette en essence.
- Recycler l'aluminium ne demande que 5% de l'énergie requise pour en produire à partir de matériel neuf. 20 cannettes peuvent être produites avec l'énergie exigée pour produire une canette avec du matériel non-recyclé (minerai).

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to keep a 100-watt bulb burning for almost four hours or run your television for three hours.
- Recycling reduces pollution and conserves a nonrenewable resource.
- Aluminum cans be recycled indefinitely and used for food containers.
- Dirt and contaminants burn off in furnaces to melt the aluminum.
- The main disadvantage to recycling cans is that collection and sorting is labor intensive: that is why we need your help!

We also want to encourage the students to bring the cans to school to have them crushed there as a fund-raising activity for school projects (trips, etc.).

For more ideas on activities to create awareness:

<http://www.earth911.org/master.asp?s=lib&a=aluminum/kids.asp>

<http://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/client/fr/gere/ecole/outils.asp>

- Recycler une cannette en aluminium économise assez d'énergie pour allumer une ampoule 100-watt pendant près de 4 heures ou faire fonctionner votre télévision pendant 3 heures.
- Le recyclage réduit la pollution et conserve une matière non-renouvelable.
- L'aluminium peut être recyclé un nombre indéfini de fois et peut servir comme contenant pour la nourriture.
- La saleté et les contaminants sont brûlés dans les fours pour fondre l'aluminium.
- Le principal désavantage du recyclage des cannettes est que la collecte et le triage demande beaucoup de main-d'œuvre. C'est pourquoi on a besoin de votre aide!

Nous voulons également encourager les étudiants à amener leurs cannettes vides à l'école comme activité de financement pour les projets scolaires (voyages, etc.).

Pour plus d'idées sur des activités de sensibilisation :

Project : Recycling cans in the Northern Village of Kuujuaq

Minutes of meeting held October 9, 2003 in the KRG offices.

Participants:

Wes Hamilton (Northern Store)
Jennifer Matchett (Youth centre)
Ghyslain Plamondon (Jaanimmarik School – IPL)
Eric Pearson (Newvik'vi – Tullik)

Nathalie Girard (KEAC)
Michael Barrett (RRD – KRG)
Caroline Larrivée (RRD – KRG)

Caroline Larrivée, Michael Barrett and Nathalie Girard started off the meeting with a description of the project to recycle cans in Kuujuaq in order to explain the context to everyone.

Ghyslain Plamondon described the activities at the school with his students since they received the crusher from Northern Store. He repaired the machine and the students crush the cans themselves. They are currently receiving cans from the hotel and from the bar as well as other cans that the students pick-up around town (clean-up of village).

So far, they have crushed many cans but for now are simply storing them outside the school in a container. G.Plamondon had not yet worked out a plan for transportation of the crushed cans to southern Québec because he was waiting to see how the project was going to develop with the other organizations.

Jennifer Matchett explained that the bar was going to give the Youth centre (boxing team) their crusher as well as the cans from the hotel and the bar. She was waiting for the old firehall building to be ready for the boxing team before getting the crusher and the cans.

Because the hotel manager promised both groups the cans, J.Matchett and G.Plamondon said they would work out a plan together to split the work so that both the school and the boxing team could benefit from the project.

Eric Pearson mentioned that empty containers would become available and would be given to each group to store the crushed cans. These containers would be locked and each organization would be responsible for them.

C.Larrivée mentioned that boxes and bags for recycling cans were currently being shipped up to Kuujuaq by Boissons Gazeuses Environnement and that these would be placed in strategic locations around town (public places, etc.). The cans recycled this way could in turn be given to the community groups (school and youth centre) for them to crush and receive the deposit. G.Plamondon suggested that he and his students

needs to set bins to store crushed cans.

could build lockable containers to be located outdoors (for example, near the dump) for people who would like to recycle their cans more discreetly.

It was suggested that the **CNV** could be responsible for the pick-up of all of these containers and for bringing them to the community groups. This service could be provided by the garbage collection service or otherwise.

Eric Pearson brought up the fact that there are between 1.5 and 2 million cans brought into Kuujuaq every year (information from **CNV**). Because of the sheer quantity and the investment required (the store would have to advance the money for the deposit), he stated that a solution must be found to ship out the cans more than once a year. Discussions will have to be held with First Air to see what the possibilities are for this and how much transportation fees would amount to. E.Pearson said he could be responsible for negotiating with First Air.

It was agreed by all organizations that the cans would all be shipped out under Newviq'vi. Each organization will take care of crushing and storing the cans they collect as well as bringing them to the airport but shipping will all be under the Newviq'vi name. This will simplify the negotiations with the transportation company as well as with the recycling company down south. An internal agreement will be made between the three groups to identify how many cans each group crushes and sends out. Each organization would therefore be held responsible and receive money accordingly.

E.Pearson also brought up the question of recycling plastic bottles. Because the ratio of plastic to aluminum containers is very low in Kuujuaq (approximately 250 cans to 1 plastic bottle), he suggested not to crush the plastic bottles but to collect them and send them back uncrushed. (deposited bottles only)

M.Barrett asked Wes Hamilton if Northern could help participate financially with this project. W.Hamilton said he would speak to the district manager and get back to us.

It was suggested that additional financial support be requested from the Dépanneur (little store in "downtown") since they sell a great number of cans as well.

Discussions will have to be held with the three groups and the **CNV** to work out the logistics before E.Pearson gets the machine working at the store. (72h to order/ship by plane)

Furthermore, it was suggested that, because this is an initiative of the **CNV**, the municipal office be responsible for advertising this project in the village once all the logistics have been worked out (transportation, storing, collecting, etc.). The KRG and KEAC representatives will offer support for the promotional campaign. The **CNV** and the KRG will have to work closely with the three groups to make sure that the community is well informed regarding the possibilities for recycling cans and plastic bottles.

The **CNV** will have to support this project and the organizations to ensure the success and the sustainability of this project.

could be stored in bags + sent uncrushed



Kativik Regional Government
P.O. Box 9, Kuujjuaq, Quebec J0M 1C0

T. 514/789-2118

MEMORANDUM

BY FAX: 514/789-0590

To: Todd Squarek
From: Caroline Larrivée
Re: Recycling aluminum cans in Kuujjuaq
Date: February 11, 2003

Hello,

As discussed over the phone, I am sending you the options, by order of preference, for recycling aluminum cans in Kuujjuaq. I would like to point out that discussions have already been held with Recyc-Québec and BGE (under previous management). Recyc-Québec has helped put into place some of the logistics but we need more assistance to ensure that we have the highest possible rate of recycling. In each proposed scenario, the money generated by this (any profits that the retailer makes as well as the value of aluminum) could be used for other community projects (such as hazardous waste management, youth groups, etc.).

Option 1

The cans are shipped out regularly by plane to Montréal airport. We cover all costs linked to transportation but receive the value of aluminum in addition to the \$0.07 deposit for each can.

Option 2

The cans are shipped out regularly by plane to Montréal airport. All costs linked to transportation are covered and we receive the \$0.07 deposit per can.

Option 3

The cans are shipped out by boat once a year. We receive the \$0.07 deposit as well as the value of aluminum. This is the least preferred of the options (and one we would rather not go with) because it means that the cans remain in the village for one whole year and the various groups shipping out cans (retailer as well as the school) only receive the money once a year. It makes it particularly difficult for the first year of operations when we are trying to start up the project and get the population to recycle the cans.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss these options or any other possibility.

I thank you for all of your help in this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Caroline Larrivée
Land Use Planner
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