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Closing the loop on recycling

City announces \$10-million eco-friendly recycling plant

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Grey's Paper Recycling Industries Ltd. CEO Rajan Ahluwalia (left) and Coun. Ed Gibbons unveil plans for a new recycling plant.

Gina Racine

The city's trash has officially become one man's treasure.

The City of Edmonton and Grey's Paper Recycling Industries Ltd. have announced an innovative idea in waste management they hope will close the loop on recycling. The company plans to build a \$10-million eco-friendly paper and glass recycling plant at the existing Edmonton Waste Management Centre.

Rajan Ahluwalia, the CEO of Grey's, says the facility will allow city staff to reuse their old paper and glass, literally.

"The paper that city employees put in their blue bins for recycling will come right back to them as new paper, notepads, envelopes and whatever products they choose," he says.

Ahluwalia compares the process of closed-loop recycling to rain.

"This process does not have any harmful byproducts... closed loop also means natural resources are used, then recycled, then used again with little or no (buildup) of material volume," he says.

Coun. Don Iveson says around 40 million sheets of paper a year are used throughout the city.

"This is a superb new initiative that is going to help in terms of one of our major waste items, which is paper," he says.

"Actually, having it processed and reused by the City of Edmonton and other consumers in this market is not only a responsible thing for us to do with our waste, but a responsible thing to do as a consumer."

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Edmonton Waste Management Centre. The facility will also use rainwater and will recycle water used in the manufacturing process.

"The building itself is an innovative approach to building construction with its efficient use of materials and its high degree of energy efficiency," Iveson says.

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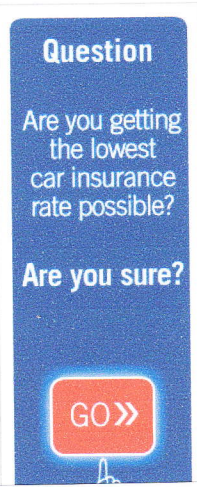
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