

## Appendix C

### Impact on the Environment

With respect to a common First Nations principle of “Stewardship of the Land”, consideration should be given to how the activities of your organization and communications activities impact the environment should be given. The components of RECYCLING are about Reject, Reuse, Reduce Return, and could include the concept of Reform, changing the way you do things:

- Printing materials – environmentally-friendly paper, printed with vegetable-based inks
- Sending files by email, not printing documents
- Choosing give-away/premium items, made from recycled materials
- Sourcing local suppliers
- Meetings: Not using disposable dinnerware, no bottled waters, juice or soft drinks. Ensuring foods are from local suppliers, left-over foods are given to community elders, or food banks and shelters. (Reports and documents at meetings are available online or emails, instead of printed out.)
- Choosing products made of recycled materials, and ones that have minimal to no additional packaging. This applies to give-away items, and event supplies. (eg. choosing to work with companies that are environmentally friendly, energy efficient modes of transportation.)
- Returning unused items and bottles
- Reusing materials whenever possible
- Getting the most of materials used. (eg. recycling paper, using the backs of paper, and using shredded papers for packing mail, etc.)

