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# E-waste collection site now part of recycling efforts

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Charlie Mignault, Director of Strategic Development at the new Scott Environmental E-Waste consolidation and collection centre at 633 Fortune Cres., stands next to a stack of packaged computers in the warehouse. Mignault says it has only been two weeks and the warehouse is already starting to fill up.

Whitney Fleming for Kingston This Week

Bring them your old desktop computers, your monitors and printers. Haul in those on-the-hummer TVs. The Scott Environmental Group will take them and treat them with a green mindset.

The Scott Environmental Group (SEG) has opened an e-waste consolidation and collection facility in Kingston, signaling a new beginning for electronic-waste reduction and environmental stewardship for Central and Eastern Ontario.

The facility at 633 Fortune Crescent has been developed in anticipation of a growing volume of e-waste from regional residential, commercial and industrial customers through the provincial waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) program.

The company kick starts the movement with an e-waste collection day Saturday, May 2 in Loyalist Township.

The WEEE Program is a waste diversion plan to channel unwanted electronic equipment, such as computers and televisions, into reuse and recycling programs to keep them out of landfill sites.

The program was developed and is being implemented by Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES), an industry organization established in 2007 by Waste Diversion Ontario. Plans call for a diversion of 17,000 tonnes of e-waste in the first year rising to 75,000 tonnes annually (60 per cent of available material) in year five. Over the first five years, the target is to divert 161,000 tonnes.

"The launch of the WEEE program is a significant milestone on our path to a zero-waste future," said Ontario Environment Minister John Gerretsen recently. "We are looking at waste in new ways and seeing the opportunities inherent in materials we once thought of as 'garbage' including our old televisions and computers. I congratulate those involved in this program and encourage all Ontarians to do what they can for the environment."

Sean DeVries, chair of Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) states, "This program is a huge win for the environment and for all Ontarians. It will give both business and consumers the tools to ensure waste electronic equipment is managed properly and that valuable components are recycled into new products, not dumped in landfill sites."

This multi-million dollar investment represents a new market segment for SEG's growing service offering and will create innovative green jobs for the local economy.

Earlier this year, the company opened an organics collection centre on Joyceville road.

George Scott is the CEO of the company.

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"Our community has witnessed a substantial change in the alignment of our local workforce," says Scott. "This announcement furthers our corporate belief that the future prosperity of our province wears not only a blue collar for today but a green collar for tomorrow. We are very excited to accelerate this mandate."

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