

# Newspapers form coalition

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that are creating the majority of the waste in the recycling system now," said Kvarnstrom.

Newspapers could face a bill of upward of \$14 million annually, he said, with almost no ability to pass that cost on to consumers.

"The money has to come from somewhere," said Kvarnstrom. "The reality will be that it will come from job losses, reduced coverage, editorial, lesser quality, lesser debate and in some cases the potential loss of the community papers servicing communities, small and large."

Torgerson said the coalition is seeing a lot of funding issues with the regulations. "We're going to see some big problems on them trying to collect the money they promised the municipalities," he said.

Klassen said he thinks British Columbians and small businesses are very supportive of measures to reduce waste and to continue to ensure the province has the best

recycling in the world. "But at the same time, it has to be put forward in a practical way that isn't going to force businesses to close or lay off staff."

Klassen said this plan has impacted a lot of sectors in B.C.'s economy, including community newspapers, farms and people in the recycling industry. "Had this been done properly from the beginning, businesses would have been consulted," he said. "And government would have been able to get British Columbians' ideas on how to improve these services without having to go out of province."

The new regulations go into effect May 19.



Kevin Skett, supervisor at NSRP's Recycling Drop-off Depot on Riverside Drive, sorts refundable glass bottles and non-refundable glass jars. For now, glass will not be refused if put out for collection in your blue box. PHOTO **MIKE WAKEFIELD**