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City Initiates Expanded Recycling Program

The City of Swift Current Engineering department has announced that they have hired a local contractor to begin crushing waste concrete, asphalt and glass to create materials that can be reused.

Dan Knutson, City Engineering Assistant stated “a local contractor, Steve’s Excavating, has recently purchased a crusher built specifically to crush old concrete and asphalt for recycling. The City has been receiving and stockpiling concrete and asphalt rubble at the landfill for the past several years with the hope that someday it could be crushed and reused. Steve’s Excavating will be moving the crusher to the landfill this week, to start crushing the stockpiled concrete and asphalt rubble.”

Crushed concrete may be used as a backfill material in roadbeds or any deeper fill project. Crushed asphalt can be used as a dust free road topping and in some cases reintroduced into the asphalt mix to be used as new pavement. “As an experiment we will also be crushing some of the large stockpile of glass which could be used as a marker layer in utility trenches or as a rodent deterrent around utility boxes,” said Knutson.

The initial order for concrete crushing will be to produce material suitable for building up the roadways within the landfill itself.

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Media interested in going to the site to see the operation can meet at the landfill at 2:30 pm today. Hard hats, safety glasses and vests will be required which the City will supply. Please confirm attendance with Dan Knutson.

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