

Single-Use Plastic - Business

Status:	Live	Partial completes:	18 (17.8%)
Start date:	2019-10-10	Screened out:	0 (0%)
End date:	2019-12-31	Reached end:	83 (82.2%)
Live:	68 days	Total responded:	101
Questions:	23		

Filter is On:






INCLUDE only respondents who answered in the following way:

- 2. Are you responding as: A business

Remaining respondents: 101 (100%)

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is reducing single-use plastics to you?

(Each respondent could choose only ONE of the following responses.)

Response	Total	% of responses	%
1 Not at all Important	8		8
2 Not Important	3		3
3 Neutral	8		8
4 Important	21		21
5 Very Important	61		60

Average: 4.23 — Median: 5






Total respondents: 101

Skipped question: 0

0% 20% 40% 60% 80%

12. Is your business a:

(Each respondent could choose only ONE of the following responses.)

Response	Total	% of responses	%
Restaurant - Franchise	1		6
Restaurant - Independent Operator	4		22
Retail - Franchise	2		11
Retail - Independent Operator	7		39
Other, please describe	4		22

Total respondents: 18

Skipped question: 76

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40%
60%
80%

Other:




Hotel

Festival Organizer

medical distribution

13. Do you support restrictions or regulations of single-use plastics?

(Each respondent could choose only ONE of the following responses.)

Response	Total	% of responses	%
Yes	14		78
No	2		11
Unsure	2		11

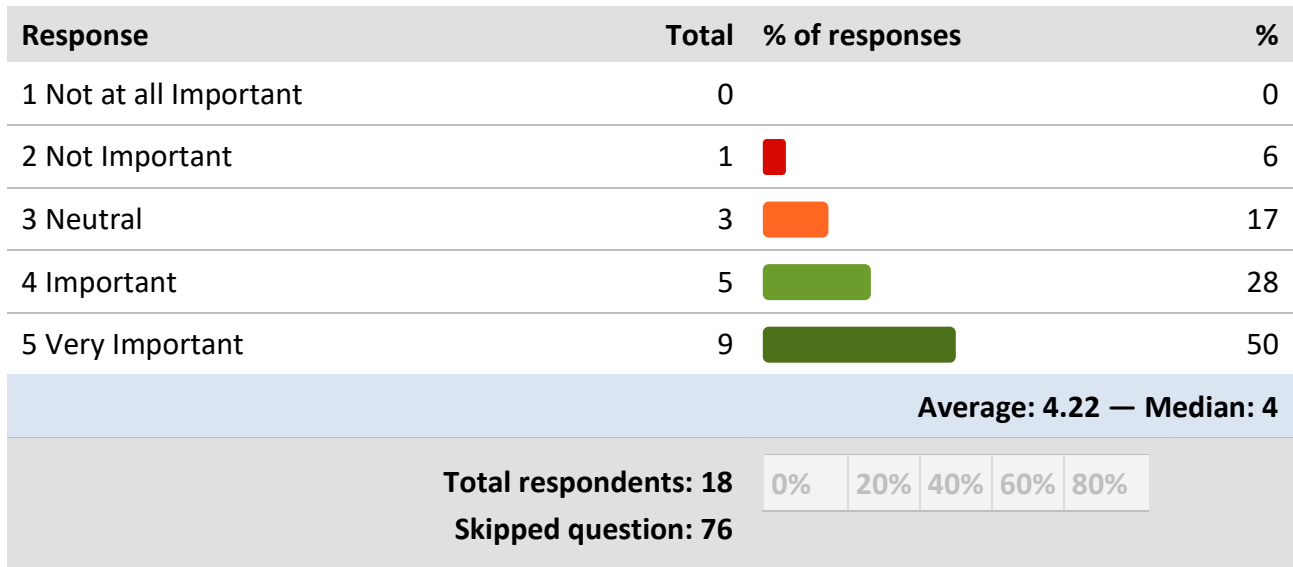
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14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is a ban on single-use bags used at retail check outs?

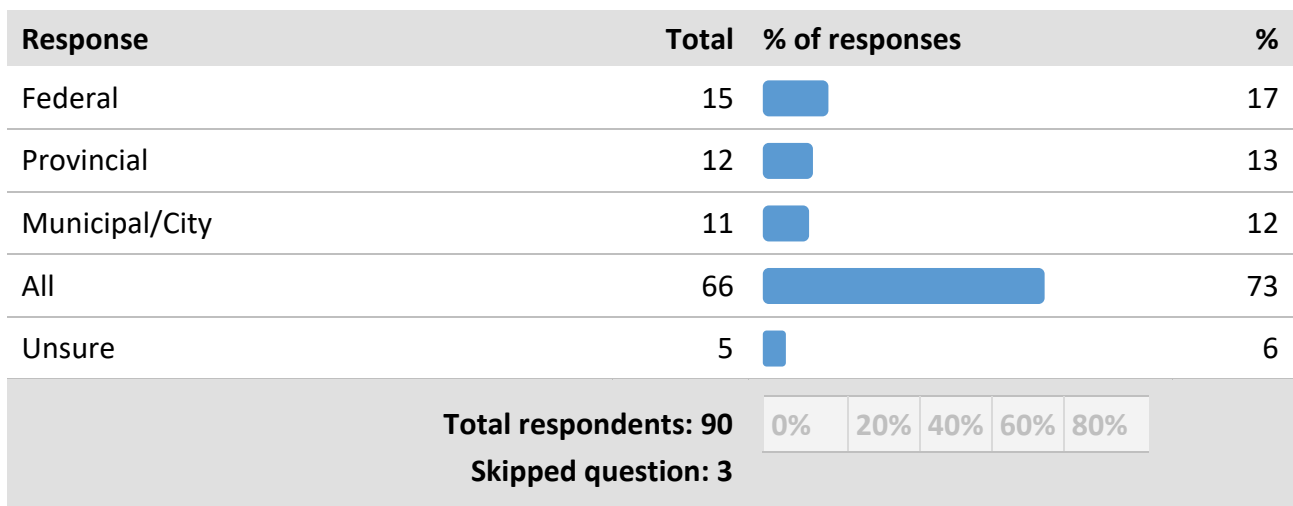
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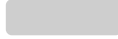
15. Which level of government do you feel should take action to reduce single-use plastics.

Check all that apply.

(Each respondent could choose MULTIPLE responses.)



16. What type(s) of single-use plastics does your business regularly use? Check all that apply.
 (Each respondent could choose MULTIPLE responses.)

Response	Total	% of responses	%
Plastic check-out bags	25		27
Plastic straws	24		26
Plastic cups and lids	27		29
Paper cups and lids	21		23
Disposable food containers	35		38
Disposable cutlery	34		37
Other, please describe	15		16
None of the above	28		30

Total respondents: 93 0% 20% 40% 60% 80%

Skipped question: 0

Other:

Paper products and continuous use of reusable items

Compostable bowls, lids and cups

Plastic garbage bags

Zippy wrap

PLASTIC TRAYS

There's 500 construction products that are single use plastics that don't have to be

Also water bottles, these would be used by our staff and not sold by our business

We are a tattoo shop. There is plastic in some of our dispositional supplies. Getting rid of plastics will drastically hurt the tattoo industry, and will force artists to use reusable materials which adds to the spread of bloodborne pathogens.

Disposable tattoo equipment uses plastic packaging

Chemical bottles

Packing materials for custom products

We buy things that are packaged in single-use plastic.





Medical gloves for checking livestock, Artificial Insemination 'straws'


medical sundry

We use recyclable paper food containers, paper to go bags and cornstarch (straws and portion cups)

17. Does your business offer alternatives to plastic bags?

(Each respondent could choose only ONE of the following responses.)

Response	Total	% of responses	%
Yes, paper bags	3		12
Yes, reusable fabric bags	3		12
Yes, cardboard boxes	5		20
No	14		56

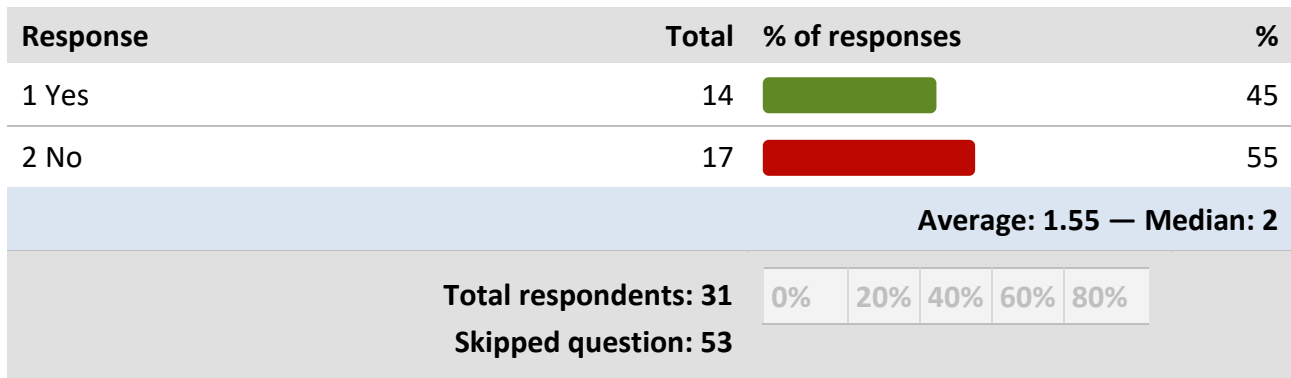
Total respondents: 25 

Skipped question: 61

18.1. Does your business:

- Ask customers if they want plastic straws?

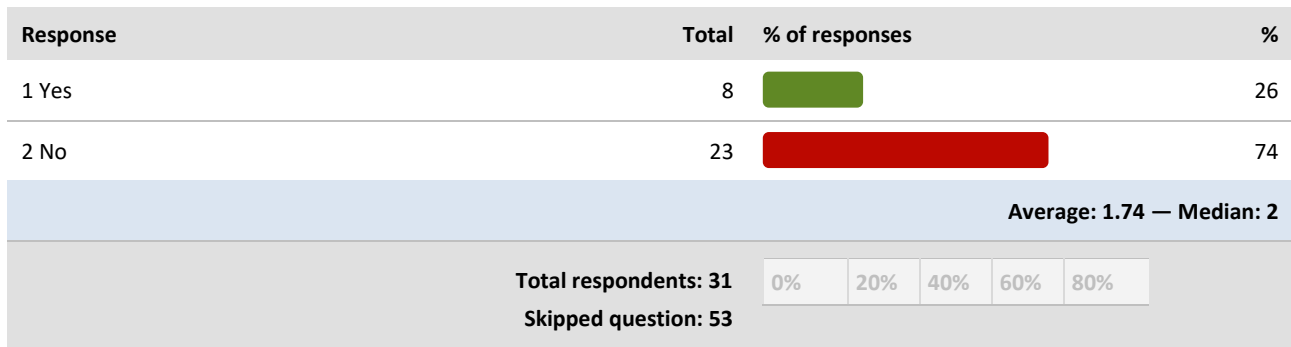
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18.2. Does your business:

- Offer alternatives to plastic straws such as paper straws?

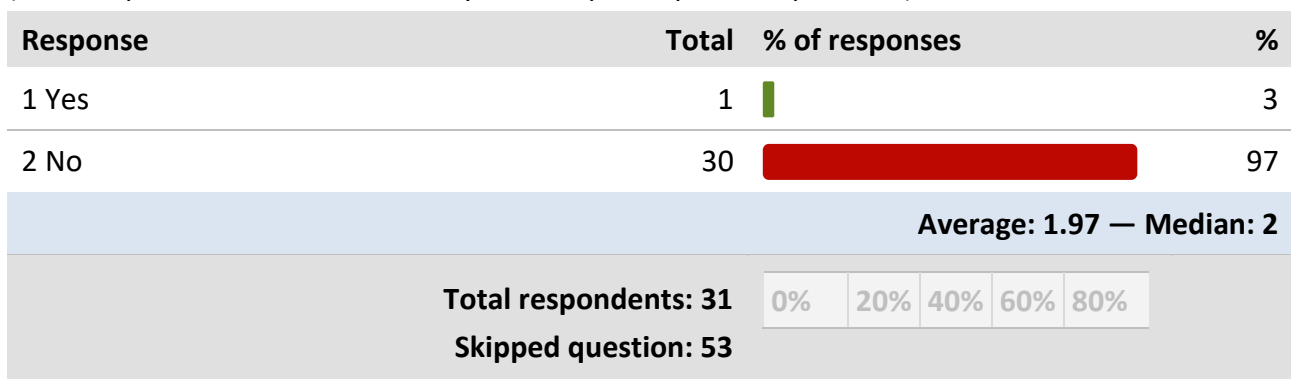
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18.3. Does your business:



- Charge extra for plastic straws?

(Each respondent could choose only ONE response per sub-question.)



19. What steps is your business considering to reduce the use of single-use plastics?

(Each respondent could write a single open-ended response of maximum 2000 characters.)

Response	Total	% of total respondents	%
Open answer	38		38
Total respondents: 38			
Skipped question: 45			

We are offering Compostable tablewares. This will reduce single use plastic plates, styrofoam plates, paper plates (they are ok but made with lot of chemicals)

Using only rewash dishes Bring your own take out dishes Paper strawa

Looking for alternatives to replace plastic garbage bags

We have already stopped using disposable cups and plates.

Provide water bottles or biodegradable cups for use

If the law says we can not use them, we will look for alternatives

USE MORE PAPER/CARDBOARD

Going to install a sink to wash dishes instead of having plastic cutlery!

We've cut them cold turkey. Customers understand we're just polluting the earth for the sake of what?? Because it's awkward carrying something to your car? So pointless.

Use of paper bags instead of plastic.

We are eliminating all plastic within the next year. Plastic is bad, earth is good.

None

We are offering bulk Options and items in glass jars.

When ordering merchandise for our store we try to only ever chose products that have aero plastic on packaging. Limit items coming from china that are always wrapped individually and switch to canadian and locally made as much ass possible.

using paper/plant based products

I am a small business owner, and a resident. The steps I am taking as a homeowner to reduce single-use plastics are making my own bread and baked goods, buying in bulk using reusable containers, bringing my own reusable grocery bags shopping, and buying second hand products to avoid unnecessary plastic packaging. My business uses zero single-use plastics.

Educating workers to be responsible when choosing the types of containers they use when bringing food to the work place. Encouraging the use of reusable drink containers and straws.

We have never used plastics as a business by choice since 2011. All tissue, packaging paper, retail bags and boxes are made of recycled paper.

Take part in this survey.

For gatherings of our Board, we use reusable dishes.

Switching to all compostable disposables by January 2020.

reusable cups and cutlery in the office and water cooler for water instead of single use water bottles

We've been using cornstarch cutlery and biodegradable containers for 10 years.

Can't think of any

We hand out food to homeless people, we need disposable containers and plastic utensils. What else would we use?

None

Biodegradable containers and use paper straws only on request

Nothing is viable or too costly

No more plastic stir sticks or cutlery

Disposable containers by request only. Discounts for those who bring their own container/to go cup. 90% of our plastic products are recyclable.

Single-Use Plastic

Everything. We are aiming to be a zero waste company by 2020.

n/a - single use plastics guided by hospital/college guidelines

maximize bagging, sell reusable bags, charging a fee for bags, not double bagging, not bagging items that don't need a bag.

Ask customers to provide own bags

Look at costing out other options but so far none beats the plastic takeout things.







When you buy a case of cups you get so many, we're still using up old stock.

There are no barriers. There are so many great and cost effective alternatives. Businesses are being lazy if they are complaining that there are no alternatives.

We have switched over to paper straws, paper check-out bags and biodegradable take out containers

20. What are barriers to reducing single-use plastics in your business? Check all that apply.

(Each respondent could choose MULTIPLE responses.)

Response	Total	% of responses	%
Lack of alternatives	34		44
Don't know how to reduce	9		12
Cost of alternatives	41		53
Anticipated negative customer reaction	15		19
Concerns about cleanliness food safety	17		22
Other, please describe	21		27

Total respondents: 77

Skipped question: 6



Other:

City doesn't have compost facility so compostable items end up in the landfill anyway

We use zippy wrap because it doesn't stick to the bubble wrap which can then be reused.

ALSO PUT RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE IN CARDBOARD BOXES NO PLASTIC

See above

None. People care about this. More customers shop with us now because customers care. It saves us money on buying the plastic.

Quality of alternatives

Cheese

We dont want to make the aids problem in regina even worse.

There are still some products that I can not purchase in non-single use plastics at the grocery store.

Education of workers. More needs to be done in our workplace to educate about reducing their dependance on single use plastics

Take out food containers need to be established before taking them away

Lack of legislation/bylaws/ public policy

Alternatives do not necessarily have a lower environmental or carbon footprint

Health of the animals

That I don't have to change

Food allergens. My facility is gluten free dedicated and many of the alternatives are made with wheat bi-products. So makes sourcing more difficult for me as well as more expensive. To use items made with wheat will make my customers sick.

Apathy

No barriers. There are tons of affordable options and my customers fully support it!

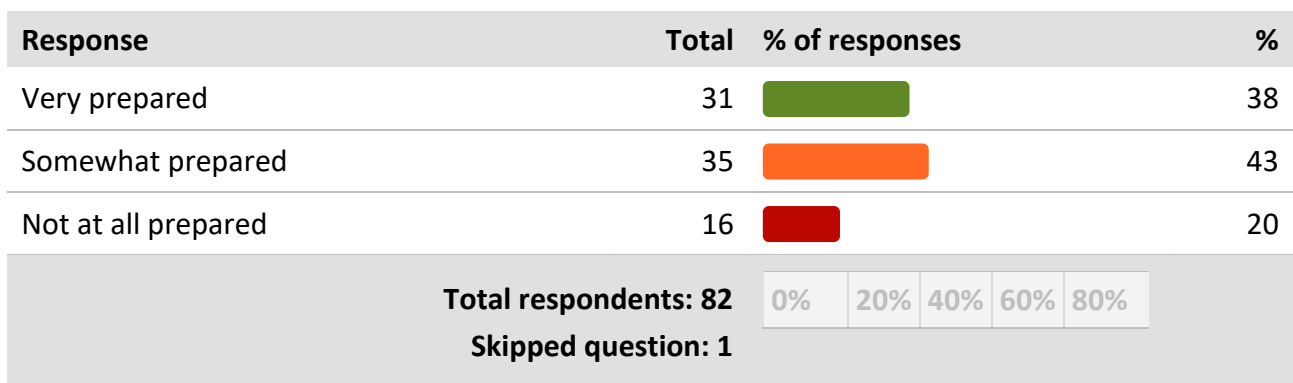
We currently have succeeded in a total ban of single use plastics, the cost of alternate products is coming down and the quality of alternate products are improving as well.

Access to recycled content bags given limited NA supply (would have to source from Asia at added GHG and cost

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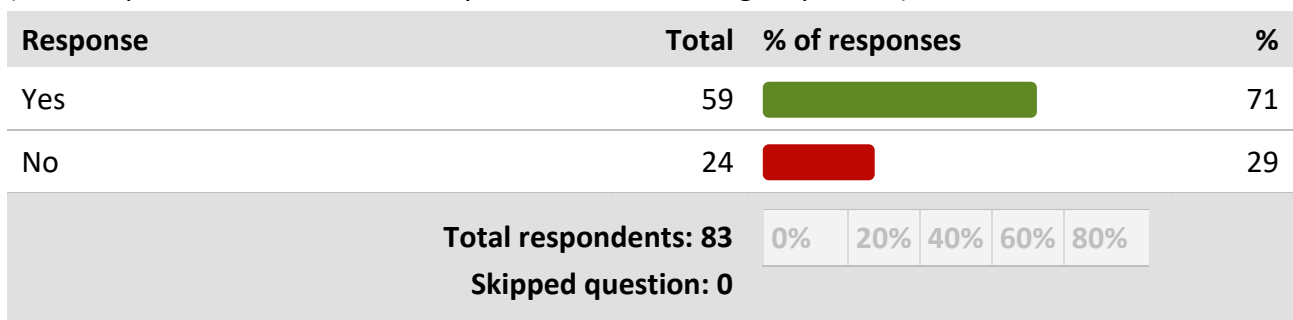
21. How prepared is your business for possible legislative changes from the federal, provincial or municipal levels of government to limit single-use plastics?

(Each respondent could choose only ONE of the following responses.)





22. Is your business considering this issue as you plan for the future?

(Each respondent could choose only ONE of the following responses.)



23. What one piece of advice would you give the City of Regina as it explores options to limit single-use plastics?

(Each respondent could write a single open-ended response of maximum 2000 characters.)

Response	Total	% of total respondents	%
Open answer	57		56
Total respondents: 57			
Skipped question: 26			

Other:

Try something that is holistic and natural....

Make an aggressive plan to eliminate single use plastic ASAP. Implement it quickly and enforce it.

There are much more serious problems than this issue which is totally driven by those looking to virtue signal that they are doing their part to clean the environment. It's only for political gain.

Strong regulations on using single use plastics.

Running a small business is very expensive, and it feels like every time we start to get ahead there is another tax, fee, or some new expense with their hand in our pocketbook. This new ban on single use plastic is an expense that some won't be able to absorb, the alternatives to plastic lids are nonexistent or if they are out there, prohibitively expensive. Please keep this in mind when raising taxes or adding new fees or raising current taxes and fees because as a popular business with a regular clientele, we are already struggling and no one seems to care or offer alternatives or assistance.

Ban plastics in the city of Regina.

Just do it! And we need a compost facility so that compostable items and do not end up in the landfill.

Ban everything except plastic ramekins and lids. I'm unaware of any alternatives. There are alternatives for all other single use plastics for my business.

In my opinion there is no choice but to be a leader of change. Most people are aware of the changes that need to be made. Start with businesses first perhaps by offering a business recognition program. Most people want to do the right thing, just show them the way

It is an easy switch. I don't know why we didn't do it earlier. Business owners will likely be relieved to stop throwing out so much garbage.

Make it gradual and have alternative options ready for businesses BEFORE changing the bylaw.

Do it now or none of us will take the initiative

DON'T SIT ON IT..ACT NOW.....

Recycle options for single use plastics! Check out bcs recycling especially Kelowna! You can recycle potato bags, the clear sealant around a case of pop and everything! They have invested very far into recycling and we should be as well!

Don't be lazy please.

Give businesses lots of time before implementing any bans on plastic. Help find local alternatives first.

Be extreme and set an example. Other cities will follow the trend if we set the bar high

Make Regina an environmental haven for residents. It will promote growth and increase the population of younger residents looking for safe and environmental friendly municipality.

Your mom

Don't just ban something without providing resources and information for alternatives.

This isn't a choice it is a need. We NEED to reduce plastics, especially single use.

There should be more options to find water in public places to encourage people to have their own water bottles with them.

Set up some or more collection stations for collecting them.

Let healthcare professionals and tattoo and piercing artist continue to use single use plastic. Many of us would have to start buying from American companies, which takes more money out of Canada. Banning single use plastics with definitely help to spread diseases.

Allow certain businesses, like tattoo shops, who depends on single use plastic to keep disposable equipment sterile.

In my home our family has to slow down to facilitate living in right relationship on the planet. Slowing down is better for the environment, which in turn is better for me and my children, and all of us. Slowing down directly improves our mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health, rendering us healthier citizens. Living more mindfully and practicing responsible stewardship of the resources we are gifted is necessary and empowering, a win-win.

If the city of regina actually cared about limiting the use of single use plastics they would lobby india and china to reduce what theyre using. Not change laws that will negatively impact/cripple local businesses that arent mass polluters.

It is important for the City to consider what items actually can be recycled before banning them.

Make sure there are different options in place at an affordable price. Right now paper straws are 10 times the price of plastic which is a huge up cost.

Ban outright all single use plastics, without exception.

Limit it now, because limiting it last year isn't possible.

All decisions shall be based on scientific data, not just perceptions. All waste should be looked at, not just plastics. Many alternate products have bigger/worst environmental impacts. When looking at food packaging the sanitary aspect and the food waste reduction potential of plastic packaging should be carefully analysed.

There should be separate collection programs for residents and businesses for hard to recycle single use items like plastic bags, Styrofoam and there should be clearer and more frequent education for residents on how to recycle all types of materials.

Just do it.

I run the business but I am not the owner. Please force the companies to go plastic free. I have switched what I can but there are some decisions that come from my owners and brand

Offer more seevices that handle non typical recycling

Ban styrofoam first. Then move on... also having commercial composting available would be amazing.

Get a company that will actually do their job and take every type of recycling materials instead of Emterra

Use things twice

Do the environmental math please, there are upstream/downstream facts that need to be taken into consideration on both sides of the plastics debate.

Educate the public that they can't expect less carbon emissions and still expect to drive to 7-11 for their slurries in plastic cups and pizza boxes. Everybody expects the government to do something about climate change but nobody realizes what they have to give up. Especially teenagers.

If we all make a decision only then it will be helpful. Alternatives will be more affordable if all the businesses will use them as it will be a bulk production. If all businesses are charging a bit extra that's fine too.

Move quickly, we should be a leader in this area. Many people are still not making any steps to reduce.

quit finding ways to tax us, cut your costs

Ban styrofoam first. Doesn't make sense that it is still being sold. Also focus should be on the large use of items not small. It's about time that mass producers of the environmentally unfriendly items take the hit for it as well as the large users of it. And if single use is only making up 1% what is making up a larger percentage, that's where the time and money should be going to make the biggest income. Why start in an area that is only 1%, that in itself is wasteful and not useful.

Eliminate them - and do more, much more. Fine those who contaminate blue bin materials.

Send someone out to walk the fence lines along ring road and other high traffic areas with places garbage can collect and look what single use plastics are collected there. More than likely it will consist of plastic bags, tim hortons cup lids/other plastic lids, 711 big gulp cups and many other similar items. Companies that serve thousands of customers a day and have the funds/means to facilitate greener packaging options should have tighter restrictions on the the materials they use where as smaller local businesses should be given more leniency.

Help people to afford renewable and responsible products by giving subsidies or setting price caps on products - particularly for those who are poor.

Do it! Please be a leader in Saskatchewan. We need it!!

Please keep proceeding with this extremely important environmental initiative despite negative push back.

exclude healthcare environments

Work with Province, or plug yourselves into the federal discussion so that you are not creating your own solution to what should be a harmonized approach across the province (or country).

City employees need to reduce their work use of single use plastics.

Very difficult to survive in this present economy let alone raise prices because you have to go to higher input costs like paper. We are a very competitive industry with tons of market fragmentation and tons of chains going against locals. Very hard to pass cost increases onto the customers. Please remember that we are not setting a city budget here where the budget sets the tax rates and tax payers have no choice but to pay higher costs.

Some items are easily adapted, others are not. There is no 1 solution. We have already adapted to the changing needs/wants of our consumers. I feel that a regulatory approach should come from the provincial level as to what should be permitted/not permitted for sale in our communities. We know this is bad, so why is a company allowed to produce such an item for sale in the 1st place? There will be slow adopters to the new realities but taking away the poor options will increase the speed of transition.

Please do it! Be a leader in fighting climate change! It would make me SO proud to live in a city that bans single use plastic!

Have suppliers on board with affordable alternatives
