

MOTION

May 27, 2019

City Clerk
City Hall
Regina, Saskatchewan

Dear Sir:

Re: Report on Restricting the Use of Single-Use Plastics

WHEREAS Regina strives to reduce and divert waste from residential, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors as outlined in Waste Plan Regina;

WHEREAS single-use plastics such as plastic check-out bags, plastic straws, and polystyrene drinking cups and food take-out containers, are an environmental hazard that litter our community, clog our landfill, and choke our rivers and waterways;

WHEREAS jurisdictions throughout Canada and the United States such as Montreal, Victoria, Vancouver, Washington, D.C., Hawaii and California have taken measures to restrict the use of single-use plastics, and others, such as the Government of Ontario, are studying the issue;

WHEREAS alternatives to single-use plastics such as reusable paper and cloth products exist; and

WHEREAS a variety of tools for discouraging the use of single-use plastics ranging from outright to partial bans, voluntary bans by retailers, fee-for-use levies, and public education are available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. City Administration bring to Council, by the end of the first quarter of 2020, a report outlining the environmental impact for Regina of the use of single-use plastics and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, of the use of plastic check-out bags, plastic straws and polystyrene drinking cups and food take-out containers;
2. In the preparation of the said report, City Administration consider measures being taken by other jurisdictions and consult with Regina residents and interested stakeholder with respect to this issue; and

3. The said report set out options for limiting the use of single-use plastics in the City, together with the City Administration's recommendations

Respectfully submitted,

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Bob Hawkins
Councillor - Ward 2