



Harmonized Approach to Municipal Single-Use Item Reduction Bylaws

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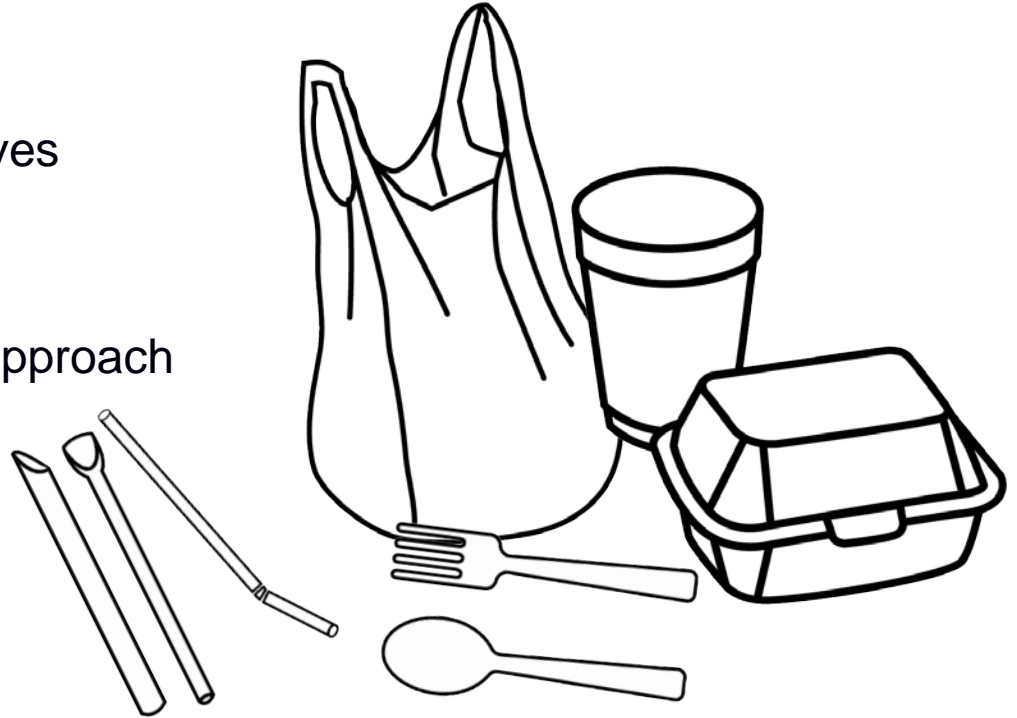
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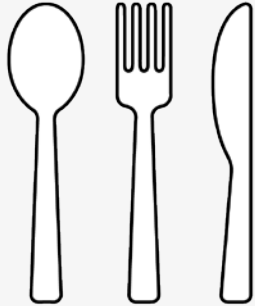
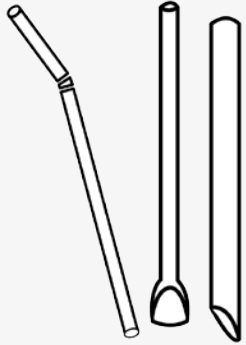
OUTLINE

- Purpose of the webinar
- Single-use item reduction initiatives
- Regulatory authority
- Guiding principles
- Proposed harmonized regional approach
- Next steps
- Discussion



PURPOSE

- Stakeholder feedback on the proposed harmonized regional approach to municipal single-use item reduction bylaws



SINGLE-USE ITEM REDUCTION INITIATIVES

By Metro Vancouver

- Waste composition monitoring
- Behavior change campaign
- Research and support for members



REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- Metro Vancouver does not have the authority to regulate the sale or distribution of single-use items.
- The primary available regulatory tool is municipal single-use item reduction bylaws.
- The proposed regional approach specifies a suggested common approach for municipal bylaws in the region.
- Each municipality is responsible for its own bylaws.

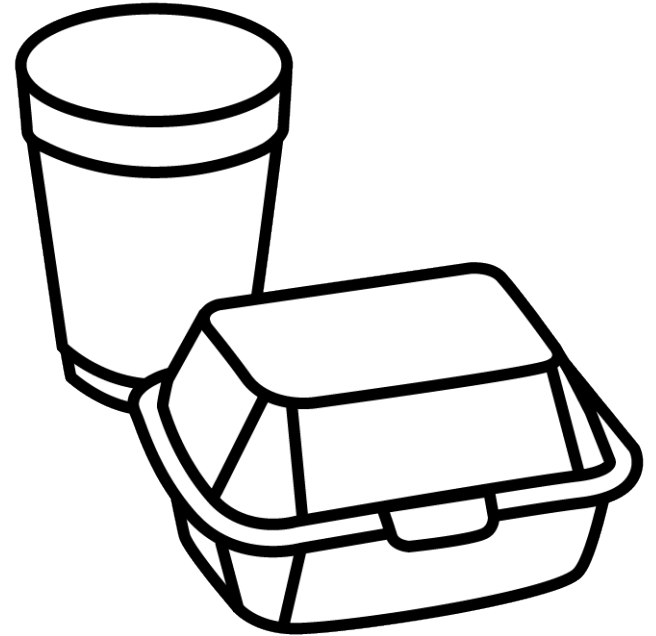
EXISTING BYLAWS

	Bags	Straws	Utensils	Cups	Containers
Canada (proposed)	Ban	Ban	Ban	Problematic Plastics Ban	Problematic Plastics Ban
Chilliwack	Ban + Fees	Ban	By Request Only	Foam Ban + Cup Fee	Foam Ban
Esquimalt	Ban + Fees				
Nanaimo	Ban + Fees				
Port Moody	Ban + Fees	Ban	Stir Stick Ban	Foam Ban	Foam Ban
Richmond	Ban	Ban		Foam Ban	Foam Ban
Rosland	Ban + Fees				
Saanich	Ban + Fees				
Surrey	Ban + Fees + Reporting			Foam Ban	Foam Ban
Tofino	Ban + Fees	Ban		Foam Ban	Foam Ban
Ucluelet	Ban + Fees	Ban		Foam Ban	Foam Ban
Vancouver	Ban + Fees + Reporting	Ban*	By Request Only	Foam Ban + Cup Fee +Cup share or reporting	Foam Ban
Victoria	Ban + Fees				

*With an accessibility requirement: Flexible plastic straws, individually wrapped in paper, must be stocked by food vendors and provided to customers when requested.

PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROPOSED REGIONAL APPROACH

- Included in the July 26 Ministerial Order
- Included in bylaws within the region
- Supported by municipal staff through workshops over the summer



Foam cups and containers

BAN ON PLASTIC* CHECKOUT BAGS



*Includes
compostable and
biodegradable plastic

Set fee levels

\$0.25 for recycled paper bags

\$2.00 for reusable bags

12 month phase in fees to be determined by each municipality

Fee exemptions

- Used bags, small paper bags; recycled paper bags for privacy of prescription drugs and medical devices; and
- Paper and reusable bags used for distribution of items such as food and clothing to those in need.

Reporting:

- Report the past 12 months of regulated bags distributed on request of the municipal bylaw administrator.

BAN ON PLASTIC* CHECKOUT BAGS

Exemptions and Clarifications



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Plastic checkout bag exemption

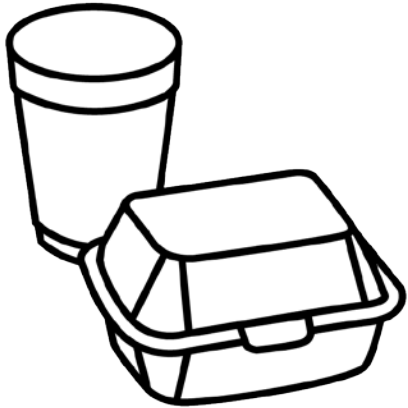
- large bags used to protect linens, bedding or other similar large items.

Clarification

Plastic bags and films that are out of scope include those used to:

- package loose bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, or candy;
- package loose small hardware items such as nails and bolts;
- contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, poultry, or fish, whether pre-packaged or not;
- wrap flowers or potted plants;
- protect prepared foods or bakery goods that are not pre-packaged;
- transport live fish;
- carry home belongings from a hospital or care facility;
- protect newspapers or other printed material intended to be left at the customer's residence or place of business;
- protect clothes after professional laundering or dry cleaning

BAN ON FOAM FOOD SERVICE WARE CONTAINER



Exemptions

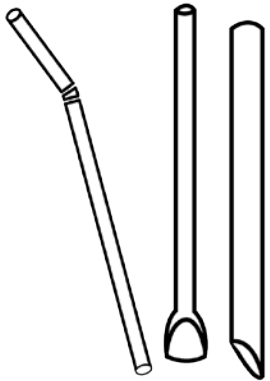
- Hospital and care facilities under the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*.
- The sale of single-use items that are sold as a product, ordinarily in sets of multiple items

Clarifications

Foam not included in the scope of food service ware containers:

- Foam trays used for uncooked meat, poultry, seafood, or other food that requires further preparation are not part of the foam food service ware ban.
- Items packaged and sealed outside the jurisdiction of the bylaw

BAN ON PLASTIC* DRINKING STRAW NOT NEEDED FOR MEDICAL AND ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS



*All plastic including compostable and biodegradable

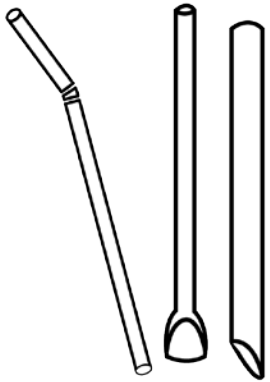
Restrictions on alternatives

- Alternatives such as paper drinking straws would be provided only on request by the customer

Accessible straws guidance

- clarify in all communications that the plastic drinking straw ban not apply to accessible straws required for accessibility or medical needs;
- explain to stakeholders why these straws are needed and encourage businesses to stock accessible straws for those that need them; and
- include persons with disabilities and medical needs in engagement activities.

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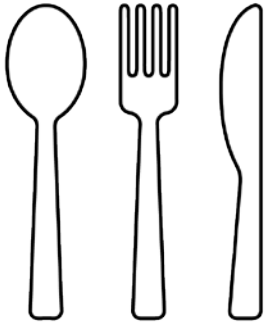


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BAN ON PLASTIC* STIR STICKS, AND UTENSILS ON REQUEST BY THE CUSTOMER



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Clarifications

- Self-serve stations would be considered a form of only on request by the customer

REGIONALLY HARMONIZED APPROACH

For member municipality single-use item reduction bylaws

Approach	Items
Ban	 Plastic bags, plastic straws*, plastic stir sticks and foam food service ware containers
Minimum fees	Recycled paper bags (\$0.25), reusable bags (\$2.00)
Only on request by the customer	 Utensils, and alternatives to plastic straws
Reporting	The number of recycled paper and reusable bag distributed in the past 12 months on an as-requested basis

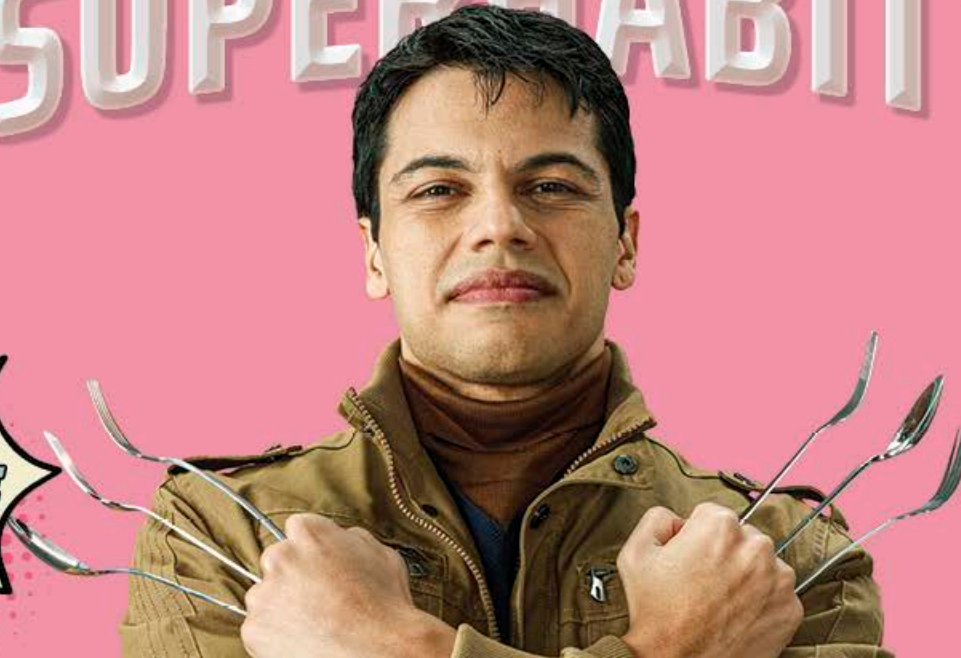
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NEXT STEPS



- Zero Waste Committee
- Metro Vancouver Board
- Online Questionnaire open until October 25th

WHAT'S YOUR SUPERHABIT?



Metro Vancouver Super Habits Campaign

Discussion

QUESTIONS FOR FEEDBACK

- Would there be a benefit to your company/organization if municipal single use bylaws were harmonized across the region?
- Do you have any feedback on the proposed regional approach?
- What else, if anything, should Metro Vancouver consider when reviewing this harmonized regional approach for municipal single-use items bylaws?