

**Utilities & Environmental Protection Deferral Request to  
Community Development Committee  
2021 December 08**

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**Single-Use Items Reduction Strategy due to the Community Development  
Committee by 2021 Q4 to be moved to 2022 Q3**

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Waste & Recycling Services is requesting this deferral for two reasons:

- The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the approach that many businesses and jurisdictions were taking on single-use items. Several jurisdictions, including Vancouver and Toronto, delayed bans on single-use items in response to COVID-19. Many retailers that previously embraced the move towards reusable items suspended their use in attempts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, notably reusable grocery bags and reusable mugs. With the massive impacts that businesses have faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was not an appropriate time to introduce new measures to reduce single-use items.
- In October 2020, the Federal government announced a proposal to ban plastic checkout bags, straws, stir sticks, six-pack rings, cutlery, and food ware made from hard-to-recycle plastics, and hoped to have regulations in place by the end of 2021. With the September 2021 Federal election, the legislation and timing around a ban is still uncertain, however, it is likely that it will be announced in the coming months. Other major Canadian cities are now moving forward with bans beginning in 2022 (Vancouver) and 2023 (Edmonton).

Waste & Recycling Services is currently finalizing a single-use items reduction strategy and implementation plan (including proposed Bylaws) that is in alignment with the anticipated federal approach as well as measures in other Canadian cities. Waste & Recycling Services will return to the Community Development Committee with a report in 2022 Q3.