

Operational Services Briefing to  
Community Development Committee  
2023 June 28

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## Single-Use Items Motion Arising

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### **PURPOSE OF BRIEFING**

#### Motion Arising

The Single-Use Items Charter Bylaw was passed at the 2023 January 17 Public Hearing Meeting of Council, and the following Motion was carried:

That with respect to Report C2023-0007, the following Motion Arising be adopted: Because the City of Calgary was an active partner in confirming the compostable nature of bags used by Calgary Co-op, Council direct Administration to create an advocacy position to the federal government for Calgary Co-op's strategy of issuing compostable bags as a transitional strategy for consumers to move toward fully reusable bags over time, returning to Community Development Committee by end of Q2 2023.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### Advocacy Position and Action

The City's advocacy position is informed by our Single-Use Items Reduction Strategy and discussions with Calgary Co-op. While The City's strategy is focused on single-use items reduction, an exemption from federal regulations for compostable checkout bags, including those distributed by Calgary Co-op, could serve as a transitional strategy and support Calgarians as they move fully toward reusable bags over time.

Calgary Co-op indicated that a letter of support from Mayor Gondek was their preferred form of advocacy. Working collaboratively with Calgary Co-op and the Mayor's Office, Administration composed a letter that was sent to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on 2023 May 18. The letter of support is provided as Attachment 1.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Attachment 1 – Letter of Support