



Public Submission

CC 968 (R2023-10)

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I have read and understand the above statement.

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First name [required] Ricky

Last name [required] Poon

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Council

Date of meeting [required] May 7, 2024

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Proposed Bylaw 2H2024 - Single Use Items Charter Bylaw

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Hi there, I am writing to urge Councilors to retain the single-use item bylaw.

First of all, prevention is key in every profession (physical health, mental health, IT problems, etc.). Reducing problems and developing good habits is always more cost-effective than dealing with problems and cutting bad habits. This bylaw is a great way to reduce waste.

Some argue that many food bags and accessories will just end up in blue and green bins. That is not always true. Some people don't understand what goes where – my parents are seniors with language barriers and they just put everything in the black bin. Some people don't care enough to sort their waste, some don't have time or energy – and if you're working multiple jobs to support your family I don't blame you. And sometimes there are physical barriers – in my cousin's building, you have to walk to one part of the building to drop off compost, walk to a different part of the building to drop off garbage, and a different part to drop off recycling. It is unsurprising that he also puts everything in the garbage. If single-use items weren't given to him in the first place, they wouldn't end up in the garbage.

Finally, I understand that there is resistance to this bylaw; people often don't like change. However, sometimes government's role is to change people's behaviour, even if they don't like it. People didn't like mandatory seatbelt legislation when it was introduced, or having their IDs checked before purchasing alcohol, but now those are now part of the norm. Requesting utensils and condiments is not a big ask, and only a fraction of people getting take out need to do this anyways. Most people have these things at home. The fee for bags and containers isn't particularly high, and if people really don't like it they will learn to bring their own.

Overall this bylaw can reduce waste; can get around the barriers to waste-sorting that I mentioned; and is not a major change for most people. I urge you to retain the single-use item bylaw. Thank you.



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First name [required] Ernest

Last name [required] Rogers

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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Standing Policy Committee on Community Development

Date of meeting [required] May 6, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)



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My opinion on paper (recycleable) charge!NO!

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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This very unrealistic bylaw on charging for recycled products has had no common sense attached! If it were to pass not only would it hurt takeout and delivery people but is a first step to start charging for pizza boxes and much more! Move on please- it is already biodegradable that's why businesses were mandated to use them by Trudeau! Very poorly thought out and discussed policy! Please say NO!



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First name [required] Tammy

Last name [required] Kalenchuk

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Date of meeting [required] Apr 22, 2024

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10.1 By-Law. Single Use Items Charter Bylaw 1H2023 (Verbal), C2024-0187

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]

In opposition

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Re: Single Use Items Charter Bylaw 1H2023 (Verbal), C2024-0187. I am OPPOSED to charging \$0.15 for every bag for take-out. It is ridiculous to continue to pass along the operating costs of businesses to customers. Stop passing the costs to customers.



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First name [required] Melissa

Last name [required] Malejko

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Date of meeting [required] May 7, 2024

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Proposed Bylaw 2H2024 - Single Use Items Charter Bylaw (repeal)

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In opposition

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Please do NOT repeal this bylaw. The reasons given to repeal make no sense, and doing so will give permission to Calgarians to continue to be wasteful. Further, repealing this bylaw isn't going to result in businesses no longer charging for bags, because they will have already gotten used to doing so. Many stores charged for bags prior to the introduction of this bylaw and/or gave a discount for bringing your own bags. The flip-flop from only a few Council members not only sends the wrong message but also makes them - and by extension all of the City of Calgary and it's residents - look like idiots who don't care at all about the environment and believe that they have the right to get single use items for free.



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First name [required]	Ryan
Last name [required]	Burt
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What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required]	Council
Date of meeting [required]	May 7, 2024
What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here .)	
[required] - max 75 characters	Single use bylaw repeal
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In favour
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Hi, I am in favor of the single use bylaw being repealed. Bylaws like this should be voted on by Calgarians. City council should focus more on cost of living and affordability instead of some alternate agenda none of the council ran on.

Thank you,



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Last name [required]	Graham
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Date of meeting [required]	May 7, 2024
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[required] - max 75 characters	Single-Use Items Bylaw Repeal
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In favour
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Please find attached a submission supporting the repeal of this bylaw, on behalf of Retail Council of Canada and our retail and quick service restaurant members impacted by Single Use Items Bylaw (1H2023).

Submitted via:
calgary.ca/publicsubmissions

April 30, 2024

Office of the City Clerk,
The City of Calgary,
700 Macleod Trail SE
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Re: RCC's Support for repealing Calgary Single Use Items Bylaw (1H2023)

On behalf of Retail Council of Canada (RCC) and our members operating in Calgary, we would like to thank the City of Calgary for giving our retail and quick service restaurant members impacted by Single Use Items Bylaw (1H2023) the opportunity to share our perspective.

RCC is a not-for-profit, industry-funded association, with its retail members of all sizes representing more than two thirds of retail sales across Calgary, and its quick service restaurant members reflective of significant national household brands Calgarians depend on every day. More than 1 in 9 working Calgarians have jobs in this sector, on the front lines as the community responds to the requirements of this Bylaw.

Across Canada, RCC's retail and quick service restaurant (QSR) members are actively engaged in collaborative efforts with governments and other stakeholders to reduce plastic waste and promote a circular economy. We are committed to various initiatives, including the transition of Alberta's recycling program to full Extended Producer Responsibility, the integration of recycled content into products and packaging, the exploration of reuse opportunities, and participation in various collective initiatives to drive more sustainable packaging and reduce plastic waste.

Retailers and QSR producers alike are also looking to industry-led programs such as the [Golden Design Rules](#), which was developed by the Consumer Goods Forum and adapted by the Canada Plastics Pact for the Canadian landscape. This includes encouraging suppliers to take action towards adopting more sustainable and circular packaging practices. These programs demonstrate the retail industry's ongoing commitment to driving positive change and reducing the environmental impact of plastic packaging. In an effort to build a truly circular economy, many retailers have also set and report on their own corporate, social, and governance (ESG) commitments related to reducing plastics and incorporating recycled content.

While our members are very committed to reducing plastic waste and advancing a more circular economy, we have significant concerns regarding the myriad of federal, provincial, and municipal regulations that add complexity and cost to consumers, and in some cases ignore the proactive work currently being led by industry.

For example, prior to this bylaw, most major producers had already introduced a wide range of programs to reduce the use of materials that have been targeted in the Calgary bylaw, including bag fees, self-service food accessories, and minimizing packaging where feasible without compromising customer service.

Producers know that Calgarians generally want to see the places they do business with take environmental leadership, however our members believe there are many ways to achieve this without forcing consumers to pay mandatory fees or compromising service quality. For example, requiring customers to request everyday items such as napkins could lead to slower service levels and potential inconvenience. Our members are keen to pursue environmental objectives in ways that maintain high standards of service and operational efficiency, while also minimizing unnecessary burdens on consumers.

Ultimately if a regulatory response is necessary, we believe that a federal national approach to managing single use products allows for producers to drive efficiency and scale in their innovative responses, over the complexity of having to navigate a patchwork of municipal regulations that adds cost to business operations and ultimately consumers.

For these reasons, RCC wishes to add its support for repealing Calgary Single Use Items Bylaw (1H2023) as a pragmatic step towards avoiding additional operational complexity, and instead empowering businesses and Calgarians with more flexibility in how they drive down the use of targeted materials.

Most Sincerely,



John Graham
Director, Government Relations
Retail Council of Canada
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First name [required] Jennifer

Last name [required] Koole

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[required] - max 75 characters Public Hearing Repeal Bylaw -- To Repeal Bylaw 1H2023

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In opposition

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The Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) supports initiatives that facilitate a Circular Economy through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and keeping materials out of landfills. We are proud of several municipal members, including the City of Calgary (The City), who have taken a stand against single-use items by initiating and adopting reduction strategies, bylaws, and other programs. As such, we respectfully ask that you do not support the proposed bylaw to repeal Bylaw 1H2023.

May 7, 2024

To Mayor Gondek and members of Council,

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Reducing the need for single-use items of all types, plastics or otherwise, conserves valuable natural resources, and avoiding their production in turn saves energy, water, and greenhouse gas emissions that can be better used for local and provincial prosperity. Did you know that over eighty percent of plastic materials entering the environment are single use and that half of the plastics generated today are meant to be used only once? Additionally, single-use items, like those included in Bylaw 1H2023, are often convenience items such as shopping bags and take-away containers that can be easily avoided or substituted with reusable options. Changing our behaviour toward single-use items is the critical first step in managing them better -- policy tools such as bylaws, like Bylaw 1H2023, are effective in initiating these changes. With Bylaw 1H2023 already in place to support greater environmental goals, and to simply waste less, repealing it now would be an unfortunate setback.

The City is in good company with its adopted Single-Use Item bylaw. Other municipalities that have taken a stand against single-use waste in various forms, for example for plastic shopping bags, food service ware, food ware accessories like utensils and straws, and disposable cups, include Edmonton, Banff, Devon, Jasper, Spruce Grove, Wetaskiwin, and Wood Buffalo. Together, with Calgary, this represents over three-quarters of the province's population, speaking volumes in terms of the priorities of Albertans in general. It is even more encouraging to know that Calgarians specifically agree that it is important for The City to take an active role in enabling waste reduction (81%), and nine out of ten (91%) think The City should play a role in reducing waste from single-use items. The citizens have spoken, and they support single-use item reduction in Calgary.

In closing, the RCA supports the current Single-Use bylaw for its ability to challenge behaviour towards single-use item use and disposal, and the environmental benefits that result from positive change. For those reasons, we ask you Mayor and Council, to vote against the repeal bylaw before you today. Should The City wish to improve upon the existing bylaw, we request that consideration be given to amend the bylaw to affect even more compliance with the spirit of the bylaw – single-use item reduction -- instead of repealing Bylaw H12023.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Koole
Executive Director

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