



City of Richmond

6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1
www.richmond.ca

September 12, 2019

Environmental Programs
5599 Lynas Lane
Richmond, BC V7C 5B2
Info Line: 604-276-4010
Fax: 604-233-3336

To Richmond business owners and managers:

Re: Invitation to attend workshops –Proposed ban on single-use plastics and other items

The City of Richmond is proposing a bylaw to ban single-use plastics and other related items. As a business that will likely be affected by the new bylaw, we are reaching out to ensure you are aware of the proposed ban and the alternative products that would need to be used in your business to replace banned items.

To help businesses plan for the ban, the City is hosting free workshops to share comments and questions on the proposed bylaw, and to learn about alternative products – including samples – as well other resources available from the City of Richmond. (See enclosed invitation for workshop dates and details.)

The *Single-Use Plastics and Other Items Bylaw No. 10000* is intended to ban:

- **plastic checkout bags**, including compostable plastic and biodegradable plastic;
- **foam food service ware** including foam plates, clamshell containers, bowls and cups; and
- **plastic straws**, including compostable plastic and biodegradable plastic.

Richmond Council gave first three readings of Bylaw 10000 in July, and it is now being reviewed for approval by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. It also reflects a growing trend in Canada and beyond to ban single-use items as they create unnecessary waste and are a major pollutant. These low-grade plastics can only be recycled a couple of times – at most – compared to better options that can be composted, recycled multiple times or re-used. But we recognize that bans like these will have an impact on your business, and we want to work with you to help support the transition to approved alternatives.

We encourage you to register and participate in the City workshops to learn more about better alternatives to banned single-use items, see examples from other communities with similar bans, and share your feedback on implementation of the bylaw. For more information and regular updates, please go to www.richmond.ca/singleuse. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bycraft
Manager, Fleet and Environmental Programs

This information is available in English, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese at www.richmond.ca/singleuse.

請瀏覽網頁 www.richmond.ca/singleuse, 查看本文件的英文、中文繁體及簡體等版本。

请浏览网页 www.richmond.ca/singleuse, 查看本文件的英文、中文繁体及简体等版本。