

MOTION ON NOTICE

6. National Plastic Reduction Strategy

MOVER: Mayor Robertson

SECONDER: Councillor Reimer

WHEREAS

1. Ocean health and the impacts of plastic pollution will be priority topics under discussion at the G7 meeting, hosted by Canada in Charlevoix June 8-9th 2018;
2. Canada has the opportunity to become a zero waste leader by developing a national strategy and advocating for the development of a new global treaty to combat plastic pollution;
3. As a local municipal government of a coastal city, Vancouver is on the front lines dealing with plastic pollution on our shorelines and ocean.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT City Council request the Federal Government to develop a national strategy that seeks to eliminate plastic pollution, with regulations aimed at:
 1. Eliminating the use of problematic products and packaging that pollute our environment such as the industrial use of micro-plastics including, but not limited to, microbeads, nurdles, fibrous microplastics and fragments;
 2. Reducing consumer and industrial use of single-use plastics, including, but not limited to, plastic bags, bottles, straws, tableware, polystyrene (foam), plastic tea bags, cigarette filters, and beverage containers;
 3. Designing products and packaging that are reusable, recyclable, or compostable;
 4. Incenting the reduction of waste, reusability of products and packaging, and ensuring all products and packaging can practically be recyclable;
 5. Establishing consistent national definitions (e.g. circular economy, resource recovery and recycling), performance standards, and measurement protocols for achieving targets;
 6. Developing a national single-use plastics reduction and recycling performance standard;
 7. Establishing a national single-use plastics recycled content performance standard;
 8. Supporting commodity markets that incent the use of secondary materials over virgin materials; and

9. Making the producers of products and packaging directly responsible for reducing resource consumption.

B. FURTHER THAT City Council forward this motion to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and request that this resolution be considered at an upcoming FCM Board meeting.

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