

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

1. FCM Resolution: Enhancing Accessibility Under the Federal Plastic Straw Ban

Submitted by Councillor Dominato

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse the following resolution to be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board:

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS the federal Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations limit the sale and distribution of certain single use plastics, including plastic straws;

WHEREAS the federal Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations have very narrow exceptions for the sale and distribution of plastic straws, and does not sufficiently accommodate the special needs of persons with disabilities and medical issues;

AND WHEREAS persons with disabilities and medical issues may require an “accessible straw” for use at home, the workplace or when eating out:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT FCM urge the federal government to enhance accessibility under the Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations by allowing the following:

- i. Food vendors to provide an “accessible straw” (flexible plastic straw, individually wrapped in paper) when requested;
- ii. Retailers to display packages of flexible plastic straws in stores; and
- iii. Flexible plastic straws attached to beverage containers like drink boxes.