



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: June 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Reduction of Harmful Single-Use Plastics at Town Facilities

CONSIDERATION DATE: June 7, 2021

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Tesser Derksen

SECONDED BY: Councillor Di Lorenzo

WHEREAS: The proliferation of plastics has polluted bodies of water and the general environment, causing harm to wildlife and people as a result of concentrations of microplastics in drinking water and general litter;

AND WHEREAS: On October 7, 2020, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change announced the Government of Canada's plan to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030, including a ban on harmful single-use plastic items including plastic shopping bags, straws, stir sticks, six-pack rings, cutlery, and food ware made from hard-to-recycle plastics;

AND WHEREAS: The Town of Milton has confirmed its commitment to environmental stewardship and responsibility through a number of policies, including the declaration of a Climate Change Emergency in July 2019;

AND WHEREAS: Many local businesses have already begun to reduce their reliance on plastics and have begun to implement policies of responsible corporate citizenship to the environment and their customers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Town of Milton Council direct staff to review options to reduce and/or eliminate single-use plastics at Town-facilities and include information regarding potential financial impacts, contractual obligations, and health and safety considerations as part of the 2021 Sustainability update and 2022 Climate Change Work Plan report.