

January 26, 2022

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
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**VIA EMAIL** – [ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca)

Dear Minister,

**Re: County of Essex Support for City of Windsor Resolution RE Integrated Management Plan for Plastics**

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Essex County Council, at its Wednesday, December 15, 2021 meeting, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**263-2021**

**Moved By** Richard Meloche

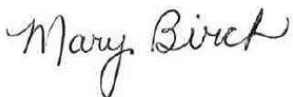
**Seconded By** Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council support the City of Windsor Resolution regarding WECEC recommendations pertaining to single use plastics.

**Carried**

Attached you will find City of Windsor Resolution CR501/2021 ETPS 847 for reference. Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Birch  
Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk  
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**City Council  
Decision  
Monday, November 1, 2021**

Moved by: Councillor Sleiman

Seconded by: Councillor Gignac

Decision Number: CR501/2021 ETPS 847

That Report No. 111 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee (WECEC) of its meeting held June 24, 2021 indicating:

WHEREAS plastic pollution is recognized by the Government of Canada, as well as governments and scientists around the world, as damaging to the environment; and

WHEREAS Canada lacks a comprehensive and coordinated approach to addressing the growing problem of plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS global annual production of plastic products is expected to double in the next decade, to 800 million tonnes in 2030; and

WHEREAS some 40 per cent of plastic production generates “single-use” items that are used once and thrown away, which runs counter to the principles of a circular economy; and

WHEREAS the majority of plastics produced are not currently suitable for reuse or recycling and some 8,000 tonnes of Canadian plastic waste end up in landfills, incinerators or the natural environment every day; and

WHEREAS municipalities are in the position of managing the end of life of products that are not adequately managed by the producers that put them on the market; and

WHEREAS investing in the circular economy creates jobs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Windsor:

1. Endorse the integrated management plan for plastics proposed by the federal government, which includes:

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- a. Adding plastic manufactured items as a toxic substance to Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA)
  - b. Banning six single-use items: checkout bags, stir sticks, six-pack rings, cutlery, certain takeout containers and straws
  - c. Establishing a minimum requirement for recycled plastic content in new plastic products.
2. Ask the federal government to implement this important management plan as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than the end of the year.
  3. Urge the federal government to establish a registry that publicly reports on:
    - a. Descriptions of the plastic manufactured items put on the market each year in Canada
    - b. A list of chemicals found in each product
    - c. The amount of plastic that enters the waste stream in Canada each year, broken down by how and where the waste is processed (e.g. landfill, incineration/waste-to-energy, recycling, domestic vs. export)
  4. Further urge the government to establish a framework for the adoption of Extended Producer Responsibility regulation across the country to ensure producers are responsible for the full lifecycle of the products they put on the market in Canada;
  5. Further urge the federal government to set a national recycling target for plastic products;
  6. Further urge the federal government to work with municipalities to explore, with a view to investing in, reuse systems to replace single-use plastic products; and,
  7. That the County of Essex BE REQUESTED to consider adopting the resolution as outlined above.

**BE APPROVED.**

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 302/2021, SCM 268/2021, & AI 15/2021

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*Anna Ciacelli*

Deputy City Clerk  
November 12, 2021