

Date: January 2nd, 2020

Report To: Planning & development Executive Committee

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Re: Letter Dated November 20th, 2019 re: Single Use Plastics.

As you will recall at the regular meeting of Council on November 20th, 2019, Council referred a request letter regarding a Single Use Plastics By-Law to the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee with input from the Planning & Development Executive Committee. Since the last meetings of the Committees, Administration has had an opportunity to conduct research into this request, have meetings with Ms. Nicole Pentney and other Town Staff regarding the proposed By-Law. The findings from these meetings has brought forward more items unknowns that require further research into prior to this type of By-Law being implemented.

Some of the knowns that have been brought forward during Administrations review are:

- Impact to the plastic bag drop off/recycle programs in place at Safeway or Walmart?
- The impact to local retailers who stock these types of items and sell them throughout the District to neighbouring Communities.
- The impacts to local restaurants, who do not yet have corporate alternatives to plastic straws, etc.
- The impacts to this proposed By-Law being implemented and then Provincial and/or Federal legislation being brought forward.
- Enforcement of the proposed By-Law. (Resources required to enforce, actual ability/authority to enforce).

During our review, we also reviewed what other Municipalities are doing. The City of Thunder Bay & Woodstock have both implemented awareness/educational programs focused on reducing single use plastics within the Community by targeting people's behaviours. During our review we also received a resolution from the City of Woodstock, seeking Council's support to lobby the Provincial & Federal Governments to announce their decision and plans for single use plastics.

With this said, Administration believes that an awareness/educational program similar to Thunder Bay & Woodstock would be a better solution at this time. It would allow the Town to take better steps in consultations/preparations with the community as a whole, for when the Provincial or Federal Governments bring forward their legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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