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Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to request consideration from this council to postpone the enactment and enforcement of the Single Use Plastic ban bylaw scheduled to take effect Jan 1, 2022. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused and continues to create significant challenges to our local businesses. Two of the unforeseen consequences of the pandemic have been the change in purchase habits and supply chain interruptions. During various phases of restriction and shut-down, the restaurant industry saw 100% of revenue transition to take-out business only. Restaurants across the globe turned to some form of take-out business even if they hadn't offered it in the past. The sudden and enormous demand for packaging products placed a significant burden on suppliers. The ongoing issues of supply chain interruptions, coupled with labour shortages across North America, has further exacerbated the issues with availability of packaging products. The result has been cost increases ranging anywhere from 50-400% on packaging products and, just as concerningly, very restricted availability of such products.

Despite our support in the collective effort to reduce one-time use plastics, the recovery effort has been slow and riddled with challenges including the increased cost and lowered availability of standard and greener packaging options. The enactment and enforcement of the Single Use Plastic bylaw at this time, would further burden local restaurants. Collectively and on behalf of Sarah Noonan of the La Place Rendez-Vous, Duane and Grace Cridland of Flint House and Larry Pham of Mekong, I formally request consideration of this postponement.

Sincerely;  
Dale Fortes  
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