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Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W1P6

Dear Mayor Helps:

RE: SINGLE-USE CHECKOUT BAGS

Thank you for your letter dated November 2, 2017 in which you asked the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board to consider the City of Victoria's emerging waste-avoidance policy on single-use checkout bags.

In May 2017, the CRD Board asked staff to develop a model bylaw for the elimination of single-use plastic bags. In September 2017, our Board received the Single Use Plastic Bag Ban Draft Model Bylaw for information and directed staff to distribute the document to municipalities in the Capital Region.

The intent of the draft model bylaw was to help develop a coherent approach across the Capital Region. Municipalities may modify and tailor the draft model bylaw according to their needs and are advised to obtain independent legal advice on their own municipal bylaws.

We have prepared a draft model bylaw as a tool to aid municipalities in our region in exercising their authority to regulate, in relation to the use and sale of single use plastic bags, under the provisions of the Community Charter.

Thank you for furthering waste avoidance programs in our region.

Sincerely,

Steve Price
Chair
Capital Regional District Board

cc: Capital Regional District Board Members
Bob Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services, CRD