



Council Report For the Meeting of September 5, 2024

To: Council **Date:** August 21, 2024
From: William Doyle, A/Director of Engineering and Public Works
Subject: Adoption of Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. adopt the *Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw* (No. 23-013) (the “Bylaw”);
2. give first, second and third readings of the *Ticket Bylaw* (No. 24-073); and
3. give first, second and third readings of the *Bylaw Notice Adjudication Bylaw* (No. 24-072).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In March 2023, Council conducted initial readings of the *Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw* (No. 23-013). The Bylaw requires that Victoria businesses distribute single-use accessories only when requested and use reusable food service ware for on-site dining. The Bylaw is intended to protect the natural environment, which is a shared authority with the Province of British Columbia, and as a result, it required approval from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy before final adoption.

In an abundance of support to the business community, Council amended the Bylaw in June 2024 to allow more time for implementation of the dine-in reuse requirement, changing the transition provision in the *Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw* from nine to 18 months in accordance with provincial guidance. The Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy approved this Bylaw as amended in July 2024, allowing Council to proceed with final adoption.

At the same time, recent amendments have been incorporated into the Bylaw’s associated *Ticket Bylaw* and *Bylaw Notice Adjudication Bylaw* and, as such, these new bylaws require first, second and third readings following final adoption of the *Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw*. Given the extent of these consequential amendments, staff opted to prepare new bylaws instead of substantially amending the associated bylaws that received three readings in 2023.

Should Council adopt the Bylaw, reusable food service ware requirements for businesses will come into effect in March 2026. A communications plan is being developed to support businesses with Bylaw compliance and will be implemented in alignment with the transition provisions noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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Manager of Sustainability, Assets and Support Services

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager.

List of Attachments

Appendix A – Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw (No. 23-013)

Appendix B – Ticket Bylaw (No. 24-073)

Appendix C – Bylaw Notice Adjudication Bylaw (No. 24-072)