

September 20, 2015

Dear Mayor Helps and Victoria City Council,

Last weekend my family participated in a Surfrider Foundation beach clean up of Gonzales Beach. At first it looked like the beach was pretty clean, but then we started looking more closely. Microplastics were everywhere! They were small enough that a marine animal could eat them. It is amazing how much damage is done to wildlife communities by plastic. I am so proud to have helped clean up that beach, and hopefully saved lots of animals lives in doing so.

I would like to offer my support to the Ban the Bag initiative. The damage done to our planet by plastic is shocking. From the billions of tons of plastic in our oceans to it's negative impact on wildlife and humans, I feel that we need to rethink plastic's role in our lives and in particular single use plastic, like plastic bags. If people could fly to the moon almost 50 years ago with less computing power than a cell phone, we can figure out a way to not use single use plastic bags in our city. One of the things that makes the human species so special is our ability to be creative when faced with a challenge. I think our community is up for the challenge of figuring out an sustainable alternative. Time to ban plastic bags from the City of Victoria. Please support this initiative and vote in favour of banning the bag in Victoria.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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