

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 8, 2018

Date: February 2, 2018

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

Subject: Resolution: Uniform Business Regulations for Disposable Plastic Packaging

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2018 annual meetings of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and direct staff to forward electronic copies of the resolution to local governments belonging to the AVICC and UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Uniform Business Regulations for Disposable Plastic Packaging

WHEREAS uniform regulations of businesses provide predictability, certainty and efficiency for consumers and business operators;

AND WHEREAS unrestricted use of disposable plastic packaging is inconsistent with values of British Columbia residents and imposes costs on local governments in British Columbia, prompting communities to examine options for business regulations limiting disposable plastic packaging in order to contain costs and manage solid waste streams responsibly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with local governments and retailers to introduce uniform, province-wide business regulations in relation to disposable plastic packaging, to substantially reduce the volume of disposable plastic packaging in local solid waste streams.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt

Councillor Loveday