

To the City of Victoria

Greenpeace is campaigning globally to tackle the sources of the plastic pollution crisis in our oceans and end the age of throwaway plastic. We are working to promote a culture of refusal, reduction and reuse instead of our predominant single-use product lifestyle.

Plastic can now be found at every corner of the world's oceans, threatening one of our planet's key life-support systems, harming marine life and even ending up in the seafood on our plate. Plastic washes up on BC beaches regularly and we are ocean neighbours with the North Pacific Gyre or Great Pacific Patch that is a known accumulation an iconic area of the ocean plastic crisis.

We know that single-use plastic bags are a major source of ocean plastic pollution and our use of them globally, in Canada and in BC is highly problematic from a waste management perspective.

Canada exports 1/3 of our plastic waste to other countries, including countries like China, Vietnam and India that are some of the most afflicted with plastic pollution. We are making our over-use of plastics other countries' problems and there are no guarantees that bags and other single-use plastics are being disposed of or recycled properly either here at home or once they leave our shores.

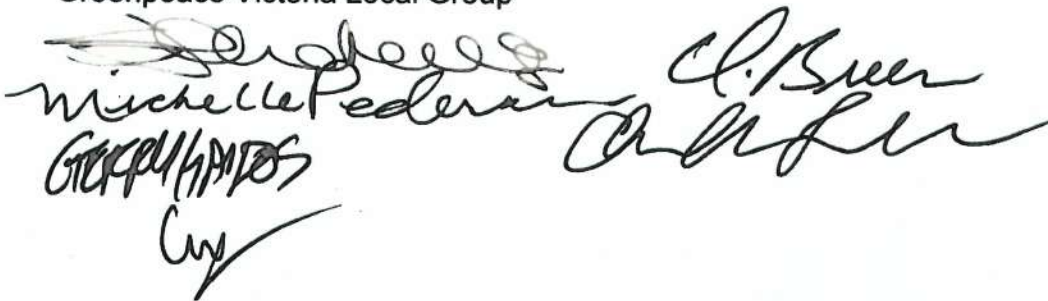
The only real way to avoid single-use plastic bags in our environment is to not produce them in the first place and embrace re-useable and environmentally and socially responsible alternatives.

Ultimately we need laws to promote closed-loop systems for resource use and materials management, including plastics, but as a first step, governments can take action to ban single-use plastics like bags that have viable and readily available alternatives. More and more jurisdictions are exploring and enacting bans and legislation in an attempt to reduce their single-use plastic footprint and help stop plastic pollution.

We have to stop using the world as if it were a renewable resource. Scientists estimate that in the last 40 years, 52-58% of the world's wildlife has been lost. At that rate, we will have NO wildlife in 2060. Of course, that loss cannot be attributed to plastics alone but at what point do we as individuals and collectively as a city, start to take responsibility for our behavior and say, "Enough!"

Greenpeace urges the City of Victoria and the Capital Regional District to please join other progressive cities and towns and help end ocean plastics by supporting a bylaw to ban Single-Use Plastic Bags.

Greenpeace Victoria Local Group


The block contains several handwritten signatures in black ink. On the left, there is a signature that appears to be 'Michelle Pedersen' with 'GREENPEACE' written below it. To the right, there are two more signatures, one of which appears to be 'C. Buer'.

From: Engagement
To: Jackie Hache
Subject: FW: Bag Ban Meeting Feedback
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:53:48 AM
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From: Kim McNamara [mailto:kim@goodplanet.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:53 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Bag Ban Meeting Feedback

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Kind regards,

Kim McNamara

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From: Kim McNamara [mailto:kim@goodplanet.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:56 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Re: Bag Ban Meeting Feedback

As a followup question, how would a bag exchange program work in a retail store? The site mentions getting surplus bags into the hands of those that need them. Where would we recirculate them to? Would they be available for the next customers who forgot theirs? Is there a hygiene liability?

Thanks!

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Ned Taylor < [personal information](#) >
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Ban plastic bags

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From: Ned Taylor [[mailto:](#) personal information]

Sent: October 17, 2017 8:35 PM

To: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAalto@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>; Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cth Thornton-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor) <gyoung@victoria.ca>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>

Subject: Ban plastic bags

Hi,

I'm emailing about your upcoming vote on plastic bags. Here in Saanich, we've taken the first steps in banning plastic bags by requiring companies to charge customers.

However, this is just a first step. With plastic bags drastically polluting our ocean, killing wildlife, and being littered in our parks, this is an urgent issue that needs vigorous action. We can't just take the first steps, we need to ban plastic bags all together.

For our wildlife, beautiful coastlines, and our community, I ask that you do exactly that in your upcoming vote.

Thank you,

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Ned Taylor
Candidate, Saanich Council by-election

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From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: BAN THE BAG CAMPAIGN
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:26:22 AM
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Jackie,

Another cc: reply

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Bianca Bodley < [personal information](#) >
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
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From: Bianca Bodley [[mailto:](#) **personal information**]

Sent: October 18, 2017 9:38 PM

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an innate love for the natural world and living systems; an attraction to all that is alive and vital

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: BAN THE BAG CAMPAIGN
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Lacey's reply FYI

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Christina Kess-Caldwell <christina@chrisandjohn.ca>
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: BAN THE BAG CAMPAIGN

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From: Christina Kess-Caldwell [<mailto:christina@chrisandjohn.ca>]

Sent: October 17, 2017 1:41 PM

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Sincerely,

Lacey Maxwell
Correspondence Coordinator
Mayor / City Manager's Office
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6



From: DMcNally [[mailto: personal information](#)]

Sent: October 17, 2017 5:56 PM

To: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAalto@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>; Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cth Thornton-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor) <gyoung@victoria.ca>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>

Subject: Ban the Bag

Mayor Helps and Council,

As a resident of the City of Victoria/CRD, I strongly urge Victoria City Council and the municipalities of the Capital Regional District to adopt a Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw to mitigate the detrimental effects that plastic checkout bags and other forms of packaging are having on our community, waterways and marine life. Plastic checkout bags are typically used once or twice for a short time before they become waste, and often litter and destructive marine debris.

A Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw would eliminate plastic checkout bags at grocers, food retailers, and convenience stores while placing a \$0.10 fee on paper bags as the incentive to remember reusable bags or go without a bag for small purchases.

Plastic checkout bags are typically made from polyethylene, which is derived from natural gas and petroleum. Some bags are marketed as "biodegradable", but most degradable bags do not readily decompose in a sealed landfill, and may be considered a contaminant to plastic recycling operations. In general, biodegradable plastic bags need to be kept separate from conventional plastic recycling systems. Plastic bags do not biodegrade in our lifetimes. They negatively impact the health and habitat of wildlife when littered. City and municipal budgets must dedicate tax dollars to collection, disposal and landfill management, and for costly repairs to clogged municipal storm drains and negative impacts on other infrastructure.

A Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw would help create a level playing field for all businesses throughout the City of Victoria and Capital Region, as some business in the City of Victoria now have gone bag-free or have a program underway. A Bylaw that brings all of the outlets above into the same program would provide a positive example in responsible waste management for other municipalities and regions across BC and Canada.

Across Canada, there have been a handful of cities who have banned single-use

plastic bags: Huntingdon, QC; Deux-Montagnes, QC; Wood Buffalo, AB; Leaf Rapids, MB and Montreal, QC. In the United States, the entire state of California banned plastic bags. Other U.S. cities include Chicago, Bellingham, Tacoma, Seattle, Portland and Austin.

On Coastal Cleanup Day in 2012, over one million plastic bags were picked up off shorelines worldwide on one day. Plastic bags are constantly a top-ten item at beach cleanups. For these reasons and more,

I SUPPORT A SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAG BAN BYLAW.

Sincerely,

Diane McNally

personal information

Victoria V8V 4G1

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Ban the use of plastic bags
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:14:49 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

FYI

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6
250 361-0505



From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Chantelle Olson < [personal information](#) >
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Ban the use of plastic bags

Dear Chantelle,

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From: Chantelle Olson [[mailto: personal information](mailto:personal information)]

Sent: October 17, 2017 10:58 AM

To: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>

Subject: Ban the use of plastic bags

Good morning Councillors,

I am writing to advise that I support the banning of single use plastic bags. I have written in the past and I am back again to send my support.

We live on a beautiful planet and in an amazing city and must take care of mother earth. Its our duty and our time to make a mark and join others in banning single use plastic bags.

I look forward to your decision.

Best Regards,

Chantelle Olson

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Plastic Bags (re. your call for input)
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:05:04 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hi Jackie,

Below is response from Mayor's Office for your information and records.

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6
250 361-0505



From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Frederick Driver **personal information**
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Plastic Bags (re. your call for input)

Dear Frederick,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Frederick Driver [[mailto:personal information](#)]

Sent: October 18, 2017 12:09 AM

To: Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>; Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; ben@isitt.ca; CRDBoard@crd.bc.ca; chamber@victoriachamber.ca

Subject: Plastic Bags (re. your call for input)

TO: Mayor & Council, et al.

RE: "Victoria council looks to bag some feedback--on banning plastic bags" (Times-Colonist, 17 October 2017)

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/victoria-council-looks-to-bag-some-feedback-on-banning-plastic-bags-1.23066192>

I can't make your meeting.

My feedback is as before. (see below)

Thank you,

F. Driver,
Victoria

Date: Wed, 4 Nov 2015 23:57:05 -0800 (PST)

From: Frederick Driver <[personal information](#)>

To: councillors@victoria.ca

Cc: CRDBoard@crd.bc.ca, chamber@victoriachamber.ca, ben@isitt.ca

Subject: Nov. 5: Plastic bags

TO: Mayor & Council, City of Victoria

cc: Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
Capital Regional District Board

Re: Plastic Bags

I strongly oppose the proposed ban on plastic bags.

I would be grateful if Council would restrain itself to doing its job (ensuring the city has necessary services) and if Councilors would refrain from using the office to pursue whatever particular bees they happen to have in their personal bonnets.

Whether consumers choose to use, and businesses choose to provide, plastic bags, is frankly none of your business.

Thank you,

F. Driver,
Victoria

I'm all for the environment. I rarely travel by car. My daily transportation is public transit and my feet. I recycle, consume little electricity, travel little. And I re-use every single plastic bag I acquire.

I am tired of muddle-headed psuedo-environmental initiatives that favour car owners. We used to have curbside collection of recyclable wine and beer bottles, for example. This had many benefits, environmentally, economically, and socially. It created jobs; it meant one vehicle dedicated to collecting all those recyclables. Now, with deposits on these, consumers must return them individually for recycling. In most cases, in their cars! (Imagine lugging a pile of glass on foot to a store or depot miles away, or on the bus.) The change was driven not by the environment, as reported, but by economics. And the result? Jobs lost, and increased reliance on the environmentally diabolic automobile.

Now it's the "war on plastic bags". As Jane Ireland pointed out, people will have to buy 'new' plastic bags for garbage and other purposes, which will be used once only, instead of wisely making second or third use plastic grocery bags. (Which, as Ireland says, are reportedly biodegradable anyway.) And again, reliance on car travel is increased: car owners can easily keep their own large canvas bags in the trunk, and use them whenever they pass by the grocery store. But what are the environmentally conscious users of public transit and personal locomotion supposed to do? Pack around a bunch of bulky canvas bags all day, on foot and on the bus, in case they happen to go the grocery store?

Cars are the major environmental problem. Using public transit is the major solution. Bogus initiatives purporting to be environmental, which in fact favour car owners, are counterproductive.

Get rid of your car, ride the bus, and re-use your plastic grocery bags.

Frederick Driver,
Victoria

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: In support of plastic bag ban
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:47:22 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
City of Victoria
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From: Bronwyn Churcher [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: In support of plastic bag ban

I am a Victoria resident unable to make the council meeting this evening, but nonetheless wanted to express my 100% support of the plastic bag ban in our city. In my opinion, it can't come sooner. I lived in Europe for many years and the plastic bag ban started there more than 20 years ago!

It is time for Victoria to take a stand and set an example to other cities in Canada. Please pass along my message to those in attendance tonight. I hope the meeting goes well and the decision is a positive one. No more single use plastic bags in our beautiful city!

All the best,
Bronwyn Churcher

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Plastic Bag Ban.
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:54:45 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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From: John Greaves [mailto:[personal information](#)]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:20 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: RE: Plastic Bag Ban.

Thanks for your reply and for forwarding my comments to council. One other thing I forgot to mention. If council really wants to make a difference to the plastic bag garbage issue adding soft plastic to Victoria's recycling/ blue box program would go a long way. Thanks again. John

Sent from Samsung Mobile

----- Original message -----

From: Engagement
Date: 10-18-2017 9:46 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: John Greaves
Subject: RE: Plastic Bag Ban.

Hello John,

Thank you for your email. Your feedback and comments have been received and will be included in the City's Council report for Council's consideration. Your feedback will help inform Council on their upcoming decision, October 26, on how to best regulate single-use retail bags.

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Jackie Haché
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Engagement
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T: 250-361-0516



From: John Greaves [[mailto:personal information](#)]
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 1:53 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban.

I disagree with the plastic bag ban.

I use the plastic bags I get for kitchen garbage catchers and to line other garbage cans around the property. If plastic bags are banned I will just be forced to purchase plastic garbage bags. Where is the Benefit to that other than to the manufacturer of the garbage bags and the stores that sell them. If it is a garbage/environmental issue then it would be smarter to force stores to provide biodegradable plastic bags.

Thanks for listening, John Greaves
[personal information](#) Victoria

Sent from Samsung Mobile

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Plastic Bag Ban
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:52:07 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: Sara Beswick [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:45 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Hello Members of Council,

I am hoping you can shed some light on the possible consequences of banning plastic single use bags. My biggest fear is the use of high density plastic re-usable bags will go up which, to my knowledge has a much higher environmental impact. In most stores that sell re-useable bags these are the ones offered the most. I have a few of them and it does not take many uses before they start to break and tear. The average consumer will not go out of their way to recycle these bags at depots.

I was at the town hall meeting tonight and did not feel comfortable bringing up this question/concern due to the overwhelming support from one group with one agenda. While I do support their ideas of banning single use plastics I would like to be sure the consequences are not worse. I also should mention that I feel the meeting tonight did not seem to reflect the public opinion and would like to see a more open discussion that does not feel staged to one side.

I am not a environmentalist, or uvic student of marine studies or member of Surfrider. I am your average person who tries to remember my bags, who will recycle when it is convenient to do so and also needs your legislation/bylaws to push me in the right direction more often. If you go ahead with this ban then please make sure it is not followed by yet another process of worse problems.

Sincerely,

Sara Beswick

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: politically correct--nonsense
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:12:55 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: Joy Littler [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: politically correct--nonsense

Teach people to be responsible about plastic bags!
The paper bag fad brings down the trees!
Reusable bags are NOT suitable for—

Under the sink trash
Under desks
Beside the toilets
Dog droppings
Cat litter
Keep books clean and dry on the way to school
Sewing supplies—i.e buttons, zippers, scraps,
Toys kept in different bags,
Xmas/Easter/Halloween/ornaments etc.
People end up having to BUY bags for home use (at Thriftys)

This whole thing is similar to people BUYING water when we have quality water..in the tap.

From: Francesco Minniti
To: [Engagement](#)
Subject: ban the pastic bags
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 3:09:22 PM

Love the idea and try to support with my small business.

That's my facebook page with the Ban the plastic bags post:

<https://www.facebook.com/oceanmagmaDesignltd/posts/1620766324654214>

Thank you.

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Francesco Minniti
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From: Brenda Chapman
To: [Engagement](#)
Subject: Comment on Ban of Plastic Bags
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 1:28:28 PM

Hi,

I am not in favour of a ban on plastic bags AT THIS TIME for the following reasons:

1. Most locals already use reusable bags, rather than ban plastic bags. Continue to EDUCATE people through advertising and marketing. To start the change, perhaps merchants charge 5 cents for a plastic bag, AND offer a 5 cent discount if you supply your own. Money is a big motivator for change.
2. People buy more plastic trash bags when shopping bags are unavailable.
3. Single-use paper bags contribute more toward global warming than plastic bags.
4. Victoria is a tourist town, eliminating plastic bags will cost downtown business in lost sales. Tourists are not going to carry around their purchases in their arms, they need bags to carry their purchases back to their hotels and the cruise ships.
5. It greatly reduces the chances of the public "impulse" shopping. Life is busy for everyone in Victoria, working long hours to pay for housing, and while most of our shopping may be planned, sometimes we shop on impulse when it's convenient and we happen to be in a part of town where we need something. For example, when I first moved to Victoria I ended up in the Westshore unplanned and shopped at Superstore in Langford, and only learned when I got to the check-out with my \$300 in groceries that they did not supply ANY bags! I wasn't about to spend my hard earned money on groceries including fruit and vegetables only to have them roll around the back of my car, and how was I supposed to get them from my car to the house? I left the groceries, went across the street to Walmart who supplied bags. That cost Superstore \$300, the cashier mentioned this happened a lot, so now they now offer plastic bags for a fee.
6. Many major retailers in Victoria offer "FREE PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING" such as Walmart, Thrifty, Save on Foods, Safeway, London Drugs and Superstore. But not many people seem to know about this. ENCOURAGE these retailers to better promote this in their stores and EDUCATE the public (bigger signage, bigger bins, recycling instructions on all plastic bags, cashiers mentioning it when someone buys a plastic bag). Plastic bags can be recycled in to new products, backyard decking, fences, playground equipment, pipes etc.

We all want to reduce our negative impact on the environment and see plastic bags eliminated, but there needs to be a realistic timeline and steps to successfully achieve this.

Thanks for listening.

Brenda Chapman

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Bag ban
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:07:49 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: scouter.erika [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Bag ban

I dont support the ban.

At our work many customers bring in huge batches of plastic bags for us to recycle.
Customers reuse their paper and plastic bags.

Focus on other important issues like the housing crisis please. Its pretty much a slap in the face
to those struggling and our officials focus on bags.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:54:17 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Maureen Gordon
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From: Elizabeth Robertson [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 8:25 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags

Hello,

My name is Elizabeth, [personal information](#) resident of Victoria, and I am getting in touch to express my enthusiastic support for a ban on single-use plastics at stores in Victoria.

Plastics have extremely harmful effects on the world's oceans, and banning the dispensation of plastic bags is an important step the City should take in moving toward a sustainable future. As one of Canada's major tourist destinations, Victoria is also in a unique position to represent Canada's value of environmental stewardship to the rest of the world. With respect to a ban on single-use plastics, I know I speak for many of my peers in my generation, who recognize that we are the last generation with the opportunity to address severe environmental problems.

I hope you will take this into consideration as the City moves forward with policy considerations.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Robertson



Virus-free. www.avg.com

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: check-out bags
Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:50:50 AM

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
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-----Original Message----- **personal information**
From: Jan Renfroe [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, October
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: re: check-out bags

I cannot make the meeting, but appreciate having a voice.

YES, make Victoria in the leader category for changing the over-use of plastics. We all need to see that swirling mass of plastics in the Pacific Ocean to vote a 'YES' to getting rid of single use plastic bags. Let's be stewards of our water, earth and make the commitment to eliminating single use plastic bags in markets. YES.

Thanks for all you do,

Janet and Dave Renfroe

Sooke, B.C.

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Comment on Single-Use Checkout Bags - Town Hall and Open House
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:48:03 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: Shirley Waldon [mailto:[shirley.waldon@cityofvictoria.ca](#)] **Section 22**
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Comment on Single-Use Checkout Bags - Town Hall and Open House

Hello,

I am not able to attend the October 18th Town Hall and Open House as it relates to the proposed bylaw by the City of Victoria either ban or charge a fee for single-use checkout bags.

I would however like to provide some input into the proposal on two fronts.

Firstly, as a senior I use those single-use bags for any garbage that I may have. I do not agree with banning them outright, if there needs to be a small fee for the use of these bags then so be it. There are a number of retailers throughout the Greater Victoria area that are already charging a nominal fee for these plastic bags. So it seem logical that the City should simply carry on with that model.

Secondly, **personal information** we regularly use donated single-use bags when needed to give those less fortunate a bag of fruit or bread to take home with them. By banning single-use bags will cause a greater hardship in the form of financial costs on all local area charities that use these bags. With more and more charities struggling each day – why would the City want to impose greater hardship on charities by banning this plastic bags

outright?

In conclusion, I oppose the outright ban. I am however in favor of a nominal fee to be charged for single-use checkout bags.

Sincerely,

Shirley Waldon

Victoria, BC

Email:

personal information

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: BAN THE BAG CAMPAIGN - ACTION REQUEST
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:24:50 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:52 AM
To: becs Oldroyd < [personal information](#) >
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: BAN THE BAG CAMPAIGN - ACTION REQUEST

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your email regarding the reduction of plastic bags in Victoria. Your email has been shared with Mayor and Council.

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I have copied engage@victoria.ca in this email to be sure your feedback is noted and received by staff working on this file for their information and consideration.

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Sincerely,

Lacey Maxwell
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From: becs Oldroyd [[mailto:](#) [personal information](#)]
Sent: October 15, 2017 9:06 PM
To: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAalto@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>;

Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>;
Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cth Thornton-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor)
<gyoung@victoria.ca>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>

Subject: BAN THE BAG CAMPAIGN - ACTION REQUEST

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Sincerely,
Rebecca Oldroyd
personal information

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Ban the Bag!
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:30:51 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:54 AM
To: **personal information**
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Ban the Bag!

Dear Madeleine,

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Mayor / City Manager's Office
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6



-----Original Message-----

From: **personal information** [m \[mailto: \]](#) **personal information**
Sent: October 15, 2017 9:38 PM
To: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAalto@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>;

Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>;
Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cthorton-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor)
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Sincerely,

Madeleine Springle
personal information

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Greenpeace support for plastic bag ban
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:25:23 AM
Attachments: [Greenpeace Letter to City of Vic Bag Bylaw .pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Sarah King <sarah.king@greenpeace.org>
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Greenpeace support for plastic bag ban

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your email and letter (attached) regarding the reduction of plastic bags in Victoria. It has been shared with Mayor and Council.

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Mayor / City Manager's Office
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6



From: Sarah King [<mailto:sarah.king@greenpeace.org>]

Sent: October 14, 2017 10:51 PM

To: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>; Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAalto@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>;

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Subject: Greenpeace support for plastic bag ban

Dear Mayor Lisa Helps and Victoria City Council,

Please see attached a letter of support for a plastic bag ban by Greenpeace Canada.

Kind regards,

Sarah

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Sarah King, MAsc

Senior oceans strategist, Greenpeace Canada

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Make a wave- just one can move an ocean.

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Victoria/CRD adoption of a single-use plastic bag ban bylaw
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:34:12 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Sally McIntyre < [personal information](#) >
Cc: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Email to Mayor and Council RE: Victoria/CRD adoption of a single-use plastic bag ban bylaw

Dear Sally,

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From: Sally McIntyre [[mailto:](#) personal information]

Sent: October 16, 2017 11:02 AM

To: Marianne Alto (Councillor) <MAalto@victoria.ca>; Ben Isitt (Councillor) <BIsitt@victoria.ca>; Chris Coleman (Councillor) <ccoleman@victoria.ca>; Jeremy Loveday (Councillor) <jloveday@victoria.ca>; Margaret Lucas (Councillor) <mlucas@victoria.ca>; Pam Madoff (Councillor) <pmadoff@victoria.ca>; Charlayne Thornton-Joe (Councillor) <cth Thornton-joe@victoria.ca>; Geoff Young (Councillor) <gyoung@victoria.ca>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>

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Sally McIntyre

Earl Grey Street, Victoria BC, V9A 1G3

personal information

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: I support a plastic bag ban
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:19:41 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Jackie,

FYI

From: Lacey Maxwell
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Robyn Shaw <[personal information](#)>
Cc: Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>; Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: RE: I support a plastic bag ban

Dear Robyn,

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From: Robyn Shaw [[mailto:personal information](#)]
Sent: October 4, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>
Subject: I support a plastic bag ban

Please vote for a plastic bag ban!

To the City of Victoria

I support a plastic bag ban. I support a plastic bag ban because I live on an island, surrounded by an ocean, full of wildlife, that I would like to protect. I support a plastic bag ban because plastic never goes away.

There are lots of stores that already charge fees for plastic bags, but the fees are not enough of a financial burden that people even think twice about getting them. Superstore has always charged for plastic bags, and I always remember my family just buying however many we needed for that grocery trip. The cost of the bags was never a deterrent for us to not use them because the fee was so small. Shoppers Drugmart already charges for plastic bags but the small fee is not enough for people to not take the plastic bag.

I support a plastic bag ban because that is the only way people will reduce their plastic waste and actually remember to bring reusable bags with them. So many large businesses have already implemented plastic bag bans and it has not affected business. If large companies like Thrifty Foods, Cascadia Liquor, MEC and Whole Foods are able to make the switch away from plastic bags then what are we waiting for?

I work at a personal information that decided to follow suite and we started charging \$0.25 for plastic bags. There were lots of people who would come in and ask for a plastic bag and when told the price, they got extremely angry at us for the fee and took it out on cashiers. There were a lot of people however who still took a bag and in under 2 months we sold over 8000 bags. We then decided to phase out plastic bags and have reusable bags for \$1 instead. I now have no angry customers complaining about the price of reusable bags, they often reevaluate the situation and realize they can fit their purchase in a backpack or purse instead. We also have a lot of regular customers who are bringing back the bag to reuse or are remembering to bring their own bags the next time they come in.

When you were a little kid, brushing your teeth or showering was always a hassle and usually a fight with your parents. But now it is habit and you look back on those days with disgust, like how could you ever think it was ok to not shower or brush your teeth. A plastic bag ban is the same idea, it might take a little bit for you to get in the habit of remembering to bring your reusable bags but after a while you will look back and wonder why you thought you needed plastic in the first place.

Please pass a bag ban for the City of Victoria.

Thank you

Robyn Shaw

Sent from my iPad

From: Karen Joubert
To: **personal**
Subject: **personal**
Date: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:11 AM

From: Karen Joubert
Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2017 10:11 AM
To: Engagement@victoria.ca
Subject: **personal**

Please see to the location of the open house on the information in the Sunday edition of the Times Colonist does not provide that information.
Home to use if there was a change in the way a location would be a home used on the ad.

Have Your Say...


Proposed Regulations For Single-Use Checkout Bags

The City of Victoria is considering new regulations to reduce single-use checkout bags. The City is taking action to foster a shift towards reusable checkout bags to keep avoidable waste out of our landfill, local waterways and off our beaches.


Open House and Public Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Open House 6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Public Meeting 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Talk to staff and share your thoughts with Council.


Learn more and share your feedback
victoria.ca/reusablebags

City Hall, 1 Centennial Square



MUNICIPAL UPDATE and CRD

**Corp. of Esquimalt**

**District of N. Saanich**
1620 Mills Road

Best
Respect
Respect

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Open House and Public Meeting: Single-Use Checkout Bag Bylaw
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 4:11:04 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Maureen Gordon
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From: Charlotte Gorley [mailto:engage@victoria.ca] **personal information**
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Open House and Public Meeting: Single-Use Checkout Bag Bylaw

Please commission some objective, non-biased research to gather facts and evidence before making any decisions.

- What is the breakdown of debris in the water and on shores? How much of it is attributed to industry, and how much of it comes from local shores versus how much has drifted from across the Pacific?

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/baynes-sound-cleanup-1.4312275>

Majority of debris is from industry.

<http://shorelinecleanup.ca/impact/facts> Majority of debris is cigarette butts and fast food containers.

- How many bags come from Victoria retailers and how many come from other areas....even offshore?
- Would it be more effective to address other contaminants such as cigarette butts that contain chemicals that are ingested by birds and marine life and leach chemicals into the soil and water?
- What would it take to expand the Blue Box program to include soft plastics, or at least plastic grocery bags? Let's do a pilot project for a year before implementing any ban.

- What does it cost (environmentally and economically) to produce a re-usable fabric bag vs the cost to produce a plastic grocery bag? What is the carbon footprint of each, and how many chemicals are required to produce each?
- What does it cost (environmentally and economically) to produce a paper bag vs the cost to produce a plastic grocery bag?
- What is the environmental impact of discarding a re-usable bag? How do they break down in a landfill and what chemicals are released?
- What are the health impacts of bacteria in re-usable bags? Would the City make bacteria testing available? Re-usable bags harbour bacteria, mould, and dirt.

Thanks for considering my input.
Charlotte

Charlotte Gorley, PhD, CEC
Qualitative Researcher
Academic Editor & Knowledge Translation Coach
personal information

www.triangleresources.ca/editing.htm

"A catalyst for your achievements"

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Paper vs Plastic
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:09:24 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Dakin [[mailto:](#) **personal information**]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 1:20 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Paper vs Plastic

Hello Council,

I would like there to be an allowance for paper bags.

My building has a garbage chute and we have to bag trash for reasons of keeping it clean.

If I can't get paper bags from Thrifty's, I have to buy plastic trash bags from a store.

My building also has composting. Compostable bags are near the fifty cent mark!!!!@! Where a paper bag from Thrifty's is five cents.

Banning paper bags is just putting the cost of running a business **personal** folks like myself.
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Just like gas taxes. The guy with the Hummer will drive it whatever the cost of gas. Huge cost increases only hurt those with low incomes The added cost of buying compostable bags will hurt people like myself.

Could you request that all city council members go out and buy compostable plastic bags before banning paper (compostable) bags???

They might be shocked what they cost.

If you must ban paper bags, at least require stores give a refund to those who bring their own bag.

That way we can use the savings to purchase the bags we need to live in downtown buildings.

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Plastic bags
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:39:20 AM

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
City of Victoria
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Belknap [[mailto:](#) **personal information**]
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Plastic bags

Let's make a bag for the community...one bag perhaps part of the cost would go to a charity. Get artists to design change it occasionally. Smaller startup business's can't afford have thier own bag but if we had one bag....great. Tourists may like them.
We could sell them thru the parking meters...321...1\$...bring the receipt into any store and you get a bag.
You could even turn them in at recycling maybe a 25 cent return.
While you're at it recycling coffee cups 5 cents gets a sticker on the cup that can be turned in for 5 cents.
Help others struggling they can turn in cups.
Michael Belknap

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Plastic bag ban
Date: Friday, October 13, 2017 8:44:06 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
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From: Victoria Bessette [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Plastic bag ban

Hi,

I think it's not a good idea, why not force business or stores to offer biodegradable plastic bags to the customers. If we ban the plastic bags people are still going to buy garbage bags. I reuse my plastic bags all the time for my small garbage. If we ban the bags I will have to buy garbage bags. We should have more places where we can recycle them.

Thanks,

Victoria Bessette

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Plastic Bags
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 2:50:13 PM

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
City of Victoria
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-----Original Message-----

From: cameron anderson [[mailto:](#) **personal information**]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Plastic Bags

Since our opening just over 20 yrs ago, we've had a policy of No plastic carry bags.

We may have handed out 5 or 6 in this time (recycled ones from grocery stores) only when the customer has purchased a paper product or original painting and it's been Pouring rain.

Luckily, many of our customers don't even take a paper one but use their own or Pockets and Purses (a bag in another form).

Furthermore, we don't use bleached or coloured bags or have our logo stamped on the side to reduce toxic chemicals in the environment.

Best way to stop use is to not carry them in the first place.

Here's to a much Greener future,

Cameron Anderson
Whirled Arts
Fan Tan Alley

personal information

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Plastic bags
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:52:08 AM

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
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-----Original Message-----

From: Andrea Weber [[mailto:](#) **personal information**]
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Plastic bags

Of course, this is a no-brainer!

Do away with the plastic bags and charge enough for paper bags so people finally start bringing their reusable bags in

From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Plastic bags
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:51:40 AM

Maureen Gordon
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Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:30 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Plastic bags

Also, stores could make their empty boxes available for customers to pack their groceries in as they do in some stores in Europe.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Engagement
To: Jackie Hache
Subject: FW: Reducing Single-use Plastic Bags
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:19:10 AM

From: Robin Bayley [mailto:~~personal information~~]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:42 AM
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Subject: FW: Reusable bags
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 3:31:59 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Maureen Gordon
Auxiliary Support, Engagement
City of Victoria
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From: Bruce Mackenzie [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Reusable bags

This won't be a long message because it's not the most important issue facing our city – compared to homelessness, income inequality and climate change. But..

I don't want the City Council to ban the sale or use of plastic bags. I don't want to make things more difficult for business in our City.

I do favour encouraging, or possible requiring, businesses to charge for each bag they dispense. Save-On Foods added a five cent per bag charge at the checkout, and the cashier I spoke to said that has had a significant reduction in the number of bags they send out the door. It seems silly that an extra 5 cents would make a difference when the groceries to fill it cost \$20 - \$30, but somehow it works. Upping that to 10 cents or 25 cents might work better.

It seems a bit inconsistent to charge for the plastic checkout bags, when I also use plastic bags for produce and bulk foods. Do those not end up in the ocean ? Could you encourage those to be somehow biodegradable ?

Bruce Mackenzie
Victoria BC
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From: Engagement
To: Jackie Hache
Subject: FW: Single use check out bags
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:10:29 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen [[mailto:](#) **personal information**]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2017 10:10:29 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Single use check out bags

This objective is admirable, however caution should be taken on implementation.

What come to mind here is the impact on those least able to afford the fee.

Let's pretend I am a Mom taking the bus home from work. I have just picked up my two kids aged 1 and 3 from daycare. I am getting back on the bus.

I realize I need milk and diapers. I get off the bus at the store, with the kids, no stroller.

I pick up the needed supplies, and at the check out realize I do not have my reusable bags, because my morning was crazy trying to get to work on time and dropping my kids at daycare .

Now I have a choice, spend extra \$ I do not have on a bag, and take away from my food budget for the kids, or leave.

In addition, I am walking and carrying one of my kids. Whatever bag I need must have handles, paper bag with no handles is useless to me, as I have to get back on the bus with the kids.

My budget is tight and I should not have to make this choice just because I forgot my reuse able shopping bags.

So before a rule is made, think about the impact on those that can least afford it. Seniors also come to mind, and anyone out for a walk who decides to pick up something on the way home.

It is a great goal, however think about those impacted most.

Karen

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From: [Engagement](#)
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: FW: Single Use checkout bags
Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:58:50 AM
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From: Judy Smith [mailto: [personal information](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Single Use checkout bags

Good day --

By 'single use bags' I would like to clarify that you are discussing LARGE PLASTIC BAGS and are not talking about the BROWN PAPER BAGS that cannot be reused for groceries but are absolutely without equal when it comes to doing up your paper recycling. They are indispensable in that 1 -- they are recyclable themselves. 2 -- they contain all the bits and pieces of various types of paper that need to be discarded but in an orderly -- non-messy manner. I can hardly imagine the mess a householder would be faced with if they tried to throw out 4 bags of paper bits without using bags to collect it together for the city's employee to collect.

Next -- have you ever had WET GROCERIES that you hope to get home in more or less one piece WITHOUT making a mess of your coat if you are carrying it or your car seats if you are driving with it? What's wrong with the small quick to disintegrate plastic meat bags that you get at groceterias to hold that steak you just bought or the ice cream you hope to get home before it completely melts? Another PLUS -- since these bags disintegrate so quickly -- they are also UNPERFUMED (hooray!!) too -- have them in the parks and some malls to aid in picking up after your pets -- the ones I get from the grocery stores are unscented [personal information](#)) and free and quick to disintegrate. They can definitely be reused, recycled so are in no way a 'one use only' checkout bag.

Thanks for thinking about these points -- I KNOW I am not the only person in the Victoria area who makes good alternate use of these one use only bags.

Oh -- forgot -- the LARGE PLASTIC bags can be very good when used for packing items in boxes for mailing or shipping or storing. Storing not so much as the bags disintegrate too quickly for extended storage. Short term storage is ok. Also, our grocery store RECYCLES these large plastic single use bags for us -- in some areas these can be recycled along with other plastics, paper, metal, glass & perhaps in the future -- Victoria can follow suit & be in the forefront of 'recycling' towns.

Many thx for allowing me to add some comments --
Judy Smith

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From: personal information
To: Engagement
Subject: Open House and Public Meeting: Single-Use Checkout Bag Bylaw
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:33:51 PM

Please commission some objective, non-biased research to gather facts and evidence before making any decisions.

- What is the breakdown of debris in the water and on shores? How much of it is attributed to industry, and how much of it comes from local shores versus how much has drifted from across the Pacific?

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/baynes-sound-cleanup-1.4312275>

Majority of debris is from industry.

<http://shorelinecleanup.ca/impact/facts> Majority of debris is cigarette butts and fast food containers.

- How many bags come from Victoria retailers and how many come from other areas....even offshore?
- Would it be more effective to address other contaminants such as cigarette butts that contain chemicals that are ingested by birds and marine life and leach chemicals into the soil and water?
- What would it take to expand the Blue Box program to include soft plastics, or at least plastic grocery bags? Let's do a pilot project for a year before implementing any ban.
- What does it cost (environmentally and economically) to produce a re-usable fabric bag vs the cost to produce a plastic grocery bag? What is the carbon footprint of each, and how many chemicals are required to produce each?
- What does it cost (environmentally and economically) to produce a paper bag vs the cost to produce a plastic grocery bag?
- What is the environmental impact of discarding a re-usable bag? How do they break down in a landfill and what chemicals are released?
- What are the health impacts of bacteria in re-usable bags? Would the City make bacteria testing available? Re-usable bags harbour bacteria, mould, and dirt.

Thanks for considering my input.

Charlotte

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Qualitative Researcher
Academic Editor & Knowledge Translation Coach
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From: John Greaves
To: [Engagement](#)
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban.
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 1:53:32 PM

I disagree with the plastic bag ban.

I use the plastic bags I get for kitchen garbage catchers and to line other garbage cans around the property. If plastic bags are banned I will just be forced to purchase plastic garbage bags. Where is the Benefit to that other than to the manufacturer of the garbage bags and the stores that sell them. If it is a garbage/environmental issue then it would be smarter to force stores to provide biodegradable plastic bags.

Thanks for listening, John Greaves
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Sent from Samsung Mobile

From: Ryan Kereliuk
To: [Engagement](#)
Subject: Plastic bag confusing in view of CRD recycling program
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:01:42 PM

I don't use plastic bags so I'm not impacted by the proposed ban.

If pollution is the concern, I would urge council to look at the Victoria/CRD recycling scheme. There is a pollution disaster. Many households store their recycling outdoors, uncovered. Even well-meaning households put their recycling at the curb the night before. In recent years I've not been able to mow my lawn without cleaning up recyclables first (note: not so many plastic bags). Milk jugs and pastry platters blew into my yard in this morning's wind. They will blow into the street shortly to be replaced by other trash.

I would urge council to look at pollution problems **arising from existing municipal policy** before taking on new ones. Policy should accommodate the fact that many residents have absentee landlords who provide nothing in the way of education and enforcement for waste management.

Further Reading

Thank you for your email. The location of the Open House on October 18 is at City Hall, 1 Cardinal Square. The location is noted on the bottom left hand side of the ad. You can also find more information at www.ci.burlington.vt.us

We apologize for any inconvenience. We hope you'll consider it to the Open House and Public meeting.

Lucretia Job
Engagement Coordinator
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From: Karen [mailto:karen@bbs.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Engagement [mailto:engagement@bbs.com]
Subject: An alert of engagement made

Please do not use the location of the open house as the information in the Sunday edition of the Times Tribune does not provide that information. Assume that there was a disaster, so the answer is a measurable way a location would be, a house next to the ad.

Proposed Regulations For Single-Use Checkout Bags

The City of Victoria is considering new regulations to reduce single-use checkout bags. The City is taking action to foster a shift towards reusable checkout bags to keep avoidable waste out of our landfill, local waterways and off our beaches.

Open House and Public Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Open House 6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Public Meeting 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Talk to staff and share your thoughts with Council.

Learn more and share your feedback
victoria.ca/reusablebags



City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

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Punk) is a solo

From: Karen
To: [Jackie Hache](#)
Subject: Re: Location of engagement Single use checkout bags
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:45:30 AM

Thanks for the information. I agree that the ad notes the words City Hall 1 Centennial Square, in the bottom left, however from the way the information is presented it is not specific enough to determine if that is the location of the engagement session. Nowhere on the ad is the location specified.

As a newcomer to the city I had no way of knowing where the engagement was being held. And even long time residents would have been confused.
Karen

Sent from my iPhone

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Kindest regards

From: Robin Bayley
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Subject: Re: Reducing Single-use Plastic Bags
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 2:57:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you. I am preparing a response which compiles all my previous correspondence on this issue and adds some recent thoughts. Do you know if there are any plans in the works to consult with the AWG or consider the accessibility implications so that Council can be properly briefed according to Council direction to include Accessibility Impacts in all reports to Council in the next Staff Report to Council?

Robin Bayley
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From: Jackie Hache <jhache@victoria.ca>
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 at 12:03 PM
To: Robin Bayley **personal information**
Subject: RE: Reducing Single-use Plastic Bags

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From: [Fraser Work](#)
To: [Brad Dellebuur](#); **personal information**
Cc: [Jackie Hache](#); [Jocelyn Jenkins](#); [Jeremy Loveday \(Councillor\)](#); [Charlayne Thornton-Joe \(Councillor\)](#)
Subject: RE: Robin Bayley
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:51:50 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Robyn,
Thanks for reaching out.

Please let me know what concerns or questions you have, and we can table this at the next AWG in early November, if required.
Thanks kindly,

Fraser

Fraser Work
Director of Engineering & Public Works
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From: Jackie Hache
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Fraser Work <FWork@victoria.ca>
Subject: Robin Bayley

Hi Fraser,

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Do you have this information in your council report? if so, can you share it with me?

Thanks

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