

PHASE OUT SINGLE USE PLASTICS

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WHEREAS City Council has since January of 2020 shown its strong desire to see the reduction and elimination of plastic bags and other plastics in our community; and

WHEREAS City Council has now received the report from staff on the elimination of plastic bags from the motion dated September 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS the report shows that the plastic pledge has not achieved the desired result to see residents and businesses adopt the pledge; and

WHEREAS numerous provinces and cities in Canada including: Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Montreal, Jasper, Prince Albert, Vancouver, Edmonton and Regina, among others either have or will soon have bans on plastic bags and other plastics;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff will undertake what is required to put a plastics ban in place in Sault Ste. Marie effective July 1, 2022 on the following items at a minimum: plastic grocery bags used in grocery stores, retail and restaurants, plastic straws and stir sticks, plastic cutlery, and plastic take-out food containers used by restaurants. In addition to the plastics ban, staff will create a community waste reduction strategy with robust goals to be approved by City Council and in place by July 1, 2022 with public consultation to take place prior to a by-law coming forward.