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RE: Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw

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To: Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Members,

The reckless decision to ban plastic bags in Toronto defies all logic and reason. Plastic bags are reusable as a container to transport items such as one's lunch, as garbage bin liners and as a method to dispose of pet waste. In fact, research shows most people use plastic bags several times over. They make up a very small percentage of landfill volume, and excess bags are completely recyclable in Toronto.

This decision increases the cost of living to residents who now have to pay for heavier, most expensive bags for their garbage that will take even longer to break down. How do we know this? Because people still need to bag their garbage! This means the volume of plastic bags in landfills will not decrease.

Simply put, the bag ban is a sham. Bags make up less than 0.5% of litter and less than 1% of landfill volume. Further, 93% of Canadians recycle their excess plastic bags (Decima Research).

This irresponsible decision by City Council increases the cost of living to residents of the city, hitting the lowest income earners the hardest. We urge you to not go forth with this bylaw.

Sincerely,

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