

City of Toronto Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Plastic Bag Ban By-Law
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Retail Council of Canada



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- Voice of Retail in Canada since 1963
- Not for profit, industry funded association representing more than 17,000 store fronts of all retail formats in Ontario
- Strong advocate for retailing in Canada



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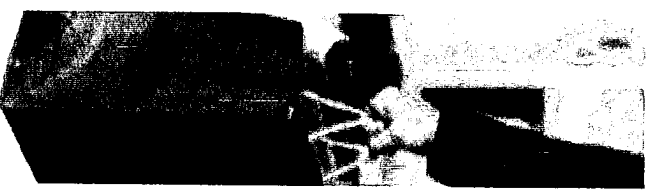


Overview

- Ontario retailers were supportive of maintaining the five cent plastic bag fee
- Plastic bag usage was down over 70% in the City of Toronto as of 2011



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Implementation Timeframe

- Retailers need 9 -12 months to successfully implement the ban:
 - 3 – 4 months to deplete bag inventory
 - 3 – 4 months to source new bags
 - 3 months to re-configure point of sale work stations (at a significant cost for retailers)
 - Train staff and address potential health and safety issues



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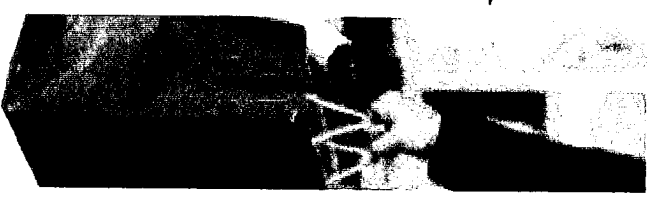
Successfully implementing the Bag Ban

Requires:

- Taking the time to implement the ban
- Creating a win for the City and a win for retailers



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Toronto's Future

- Retail sector is important to the City of Toronto economy
- Work with RCC and its members to achieve workable solutions

