

Single-Use and Takeaway Items Reduction Strategy – Stage 2 Consultation

February 22, 2022

Solid Waste Management Services

Purpose and Objective

- Previous work on the Reduction Strategy was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Work has since been reinitiated and will consider the impacts COVID-19 has had on residents and businesses.
- The Reduction Strategy will also be aligned with the Government of Canada's proposed regulations on single-use plastics
- A final phase of consultation is currently open to gather input from residents and businesses

Government of Canada's Proposed Regulations

- The Government of Canada is proposing the prohibition of manufacturing, import and sale of:
 - Plastic Straws (with the exception of plastic bendable straws for accessibility needs)
 - Plastic Utensils
 - Plastic Checkout Bag
 - Plastic Stir Stick
 - Plastic Ring Carries
 - Foodservice ware made from or containing problematic plastics

Consultation Objectives

- Building on previous consultations, the City is now seeking additional input on expanding the originally proposed items and approaches, feedback on the proposed implementation timing and information on appropriate fees.
- The information will help to inform the final proposed Reduction Strategy that will be considered by Infrastructure and Environment Committee and City Council in 2022.
- This report will present the final proposed Reduction Strategy

Accessibility

The City of Toronto recognizes that:

- some single-use and takeaway items support accessibility for individuals with disabilities
- programs and policies must be inclusive
- impacts to accessibility will be considered in this round of consultation as well as any future consultations on specific programs and policies

Items Being Considered

Items:

- Single-Use Straws
- Single-Use Utensils
- Other Single-Use Accessory Items such as:
 - Single-Use Stir Sticks
 - Single-Use Beverage Trays
 - Serviettes / Napkins
 - Condiment Packs

Approach: Ask First / By Request

Date: September 2022

Items Being Considered (cont'd)

Items:

- Single-Use Plastic and Paper Bags
- Reusable Bags
- Single-Use Hot and Cold Drink Cups

Approach: Fees

Date: January 2023

Single-Use Item Bans

- Expanded Polystyrene (foam) was previously proposed for a ban in our prior consultations in 2019
- We will no longer consider this as this item will be addressed by the Government of Canada's regulations.

Consultation Activities

- Comment Period – February 8 – March 4, 2022
- Online Survey – February 8 – March 4, 2022
- Virtual Stakeholder Meetings:
 - February 15, 2022 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
 - February 16, 2022 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Virtual Public Meetings
 - February 15, 2022 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
 - February 16, 2022 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Notification and Communications

- Information shared with internal City divisions
- E-blast to Waste Strategy contact list, 7,000+ contacts
- Invitations to stakeholder meetings sent to 300+ organizations, including 100+ accessibility and social service providers
- Email to 70+ Accessibility Unit stakeholders

Notification and Communications

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- Solid Waste Management Services has requested that our stakeholder networks such as the Accessibility Unit and Clerk's Accessibility Network share information regarding the Reduction Strategy to their networks
- Our recorded presentation with closed captioning is available online on our website at www.toronto.ca/single-use
- Comments can also be given by phone by calling 416-392-3760

Consultation Contact

For more information contact us at:
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416-392-3760

For the on-line survey go to:

toronto.ca/single-use

Comments must be received by March 4, 2022 to be considered

Questions

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