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Re: IE 13.7 - Update on Stage 2 of the Single-Use and Takeaway Items Reduction Strategy

Parkdale-High Park 4 Climate Action represents residents from Toronto Ward 4 and the federal and provincial ridings which cover that ward. Our mission is to create a healthy, environmentally sustainable community and our methodologies include educational events, demonstrations, park clean-ups, meeting with our elected representatives to hold them accountable, and participating in broader coalition actions.

We have been greatly concerned about the multi-level problems deriving from the plastic items found in everyday use - and often forced on us - by grocery stores and food service outlets. Their use, disposal and degradation cause damage by: turning into unsightly and unhealthy litter; creating large costs in terms of garbage and waste disposal (both to businesses and the City); invading our collective environmental and, most importantly, human health. For example, the finding of microplastics everywhere, including in human breast milk, is huge cause for concern for the health of future generations.

We are writing to urge you to move quickly to stop single-use plastic pollution in our city using local regulations and by-laws to ban as many plastic and styrofoam items as possible including items like black plastic, bags, foam containers and non-recyclable cups. Many packaging and food delivery alternatives exist, but businesses need to be told to do this, and how to transition.

We hope you will agree with our new chant: "There is no excuse for single use!"

Thank you for your time and attention to this. We would be available for further contact if requested.

Be well,

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