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## **Bylaw 20629, Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw 20117 Amendment**

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Utility Committee

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## Why are these revisions needed?

- Next phase of federal *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations* takes effect December 20
- Federal regulations take precedence over the municipal bylaw
- Bylaw 20117 amendment will align municipal and federal regulations



# Federal *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations* Impacts

- Six categories of single-use plastics banned or regulated
  - Bags, stir sticks, cutlery, foodservice ware, straws and ring carriers
- No exemption for charities
- Federal exemptions for flexible plastic straws and plastics needed to maintain food safety



## Description of Bylaw 2017 Revisions

- Removal of some, but not all exemptions
  - Charities can still use non-plastic alternatives (e.g. paper bags, bamboo cutlery)
  - Care institutions not included in Bylaw 2017 now fall under federal regulations



## Communicating to Charitable Organizations

- Mailout to 1,300 charitable organizations describing changes
- New social media and web updates about bylaw amendment
- Printable resources (e.g. Bylaw Guide) updated



## Recommendation

- Approval of bylaw amendment
- ✓ If approved by Council, Bylaw 20117 amendment will take effect December 20, 2023



# Thank you. Questions?

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