

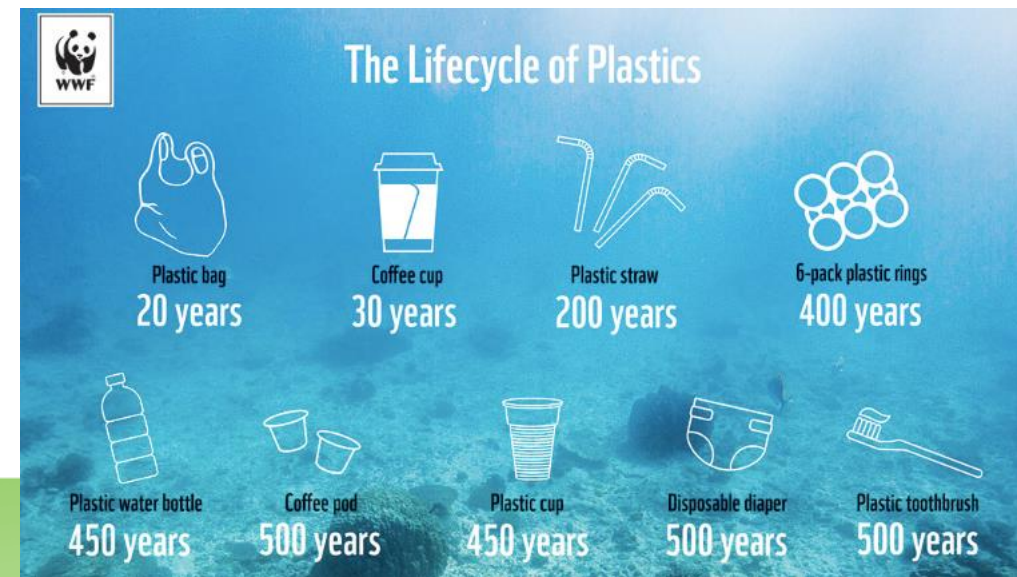
# SINGLE-USE ITEM REDUCTION STRATEGY

December 15, 2020

# THE PROBLEM WITH SINGLE-USE ITEMS

Single-use items have become an increasingly common way to provide convenience and food safety to consumers but cause significant environmental harm:

- Require natural resources/energy to produce
- Often difficult to recycle or compost and create unnecessary waste
- Create litter - often in oceans/waterways, take decades or longer to break down, and harm wildlife



# FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

Federal Government announced it will finalize regulations banning harmful single-use plastics by the end of 2021.

Products that warrant a ban or restriction:

- Plastic checkout bags
- Plastic stir sticks
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic straws
- Six pack rings
- Food service ware made from problematic plastics (e.g. foam)

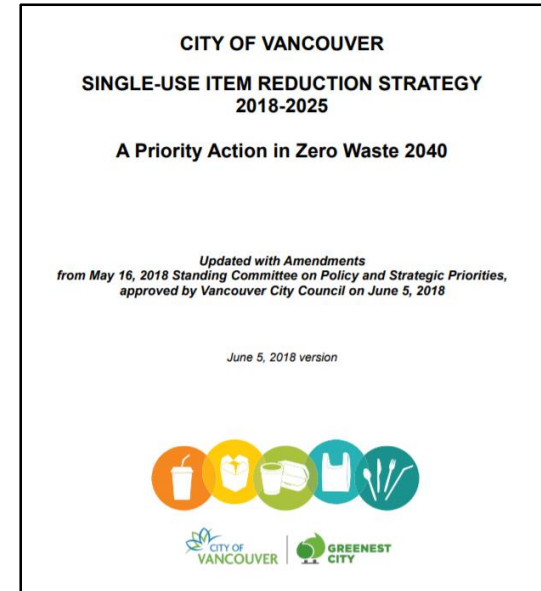


# PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL ACTIONS

Province of BC is also considering bans and other regulatory measures to reduce plastic waste.

The Province has recently approved several local government bylaws (Richmond, Victoria, Saanich, Ucluelet, Tofino) and said they will consider others as they are submitted. Vancouver also has single-use bylaws.

The Community Charter will be updated to allow local governments to ban single-use plastics (timeline unknown).



# CHILLIWACK CONSULTATION SUMMARY

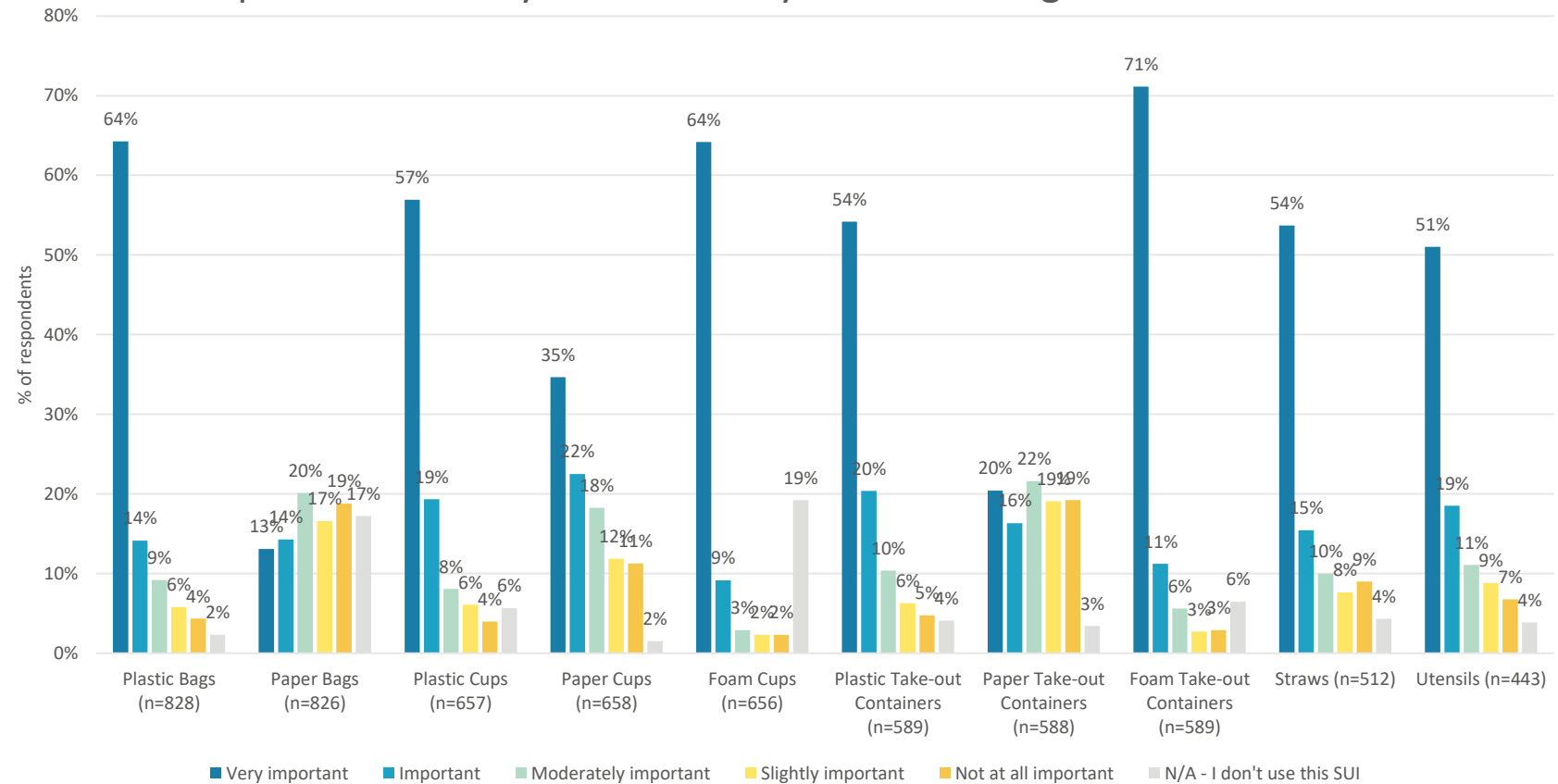
Public consultation in December 2019 and consultation with businesses in January 2020.

Overall, public support for single-use item reduction initiatives was high.

Most residents felt that action needs to be taken on single-use items, including education and bylaws regulating their use.

Survey Question:

How important is it for you to reduce your use of single-use items?



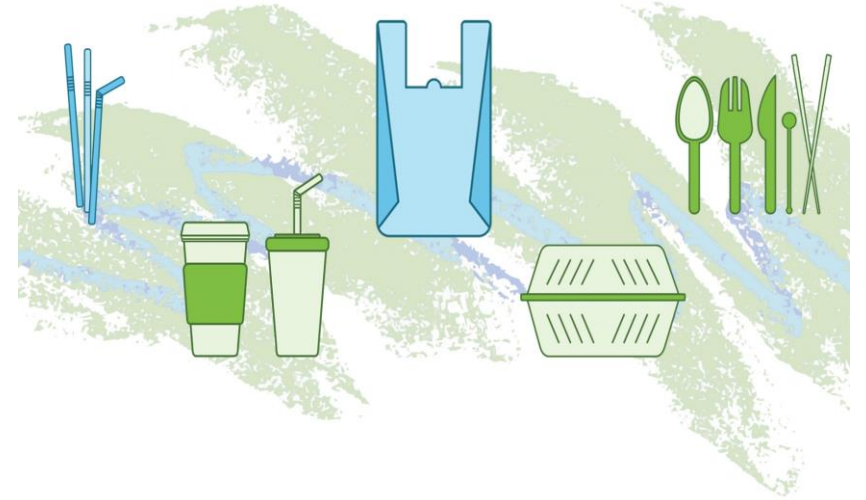
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Proposed Strategy includes a combination of bans, minimum fees and making certain items available only by request.

Proposed measures take into account environmental, accessibility and public health considerations.

Implementation by January 1, 2022 is proposed.

Timeline subject to COVID-19 considerations and provincial approval.



# SHOPPING BAGS



	Proposed Federal Management Action	City of Chilliwack Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy
Plastic	Ban	Ban
Paper		Minimum fees: \$0.10 in 2022 \$0.25 in 2023

# HOT AND COLD DRINK CUPS



	Proposed Federal Management Action	City of Chilliwack Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy
<b>Foam</b>	Ban	Ban
<b>Plastic</b>	Material specification	Minimum fees: \$0.10 in 2022 \$0.25 in 2023
<b>Paper</b>		Minimum fees (same as above)

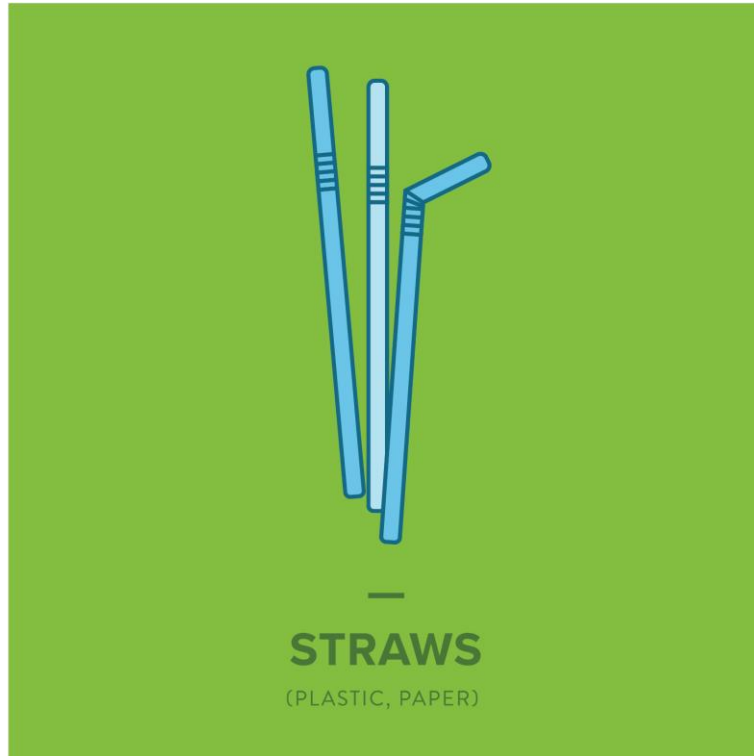


# TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS



	Proposed Federal Management Action	City of Chilliwack Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy
Foam	Ban	Ban
Plastic	Encourage reusables	Education
Paper		Education

# STRAWS



	Proposed Federal Management Action	City of Chilliwack Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy
Plastic	Ban	Ban; except for accessibility
Paper		By request only

# DISPOSABLE UTENSILS



	Proposed Federal Management Action	City of Chilliwack Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy
Plastic	Ban	Ban
Other		By request only

# NEXT STEPS

If the Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy is adopted, a bylaw will be drafted in early 2021. Provincial approval will be required.

An engagement plan will be developed concurrently with a bylaw to engage and assist businesses in complying with regulations. Option to include another round of consultation with businesses as the bylaw is being developed.

If adopted, the single-use item bylaw may need to be amended based on provincial and federal measures, as well as response measures to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy and direct staff to begin working on its implementation.

## QUESTIONS?

