

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending April 18, 2019

REPORTS

1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

1. EBR Notice: Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City of Brantford Resolution re: Single-Use Plastic Straws

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. [Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2019](#)

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert

Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
<p>Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper</p> <p>Delivering on the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)</p>	<p>April 20, 2019</p>	<p>An EBR notice has been posted (013-4689) seeking public feedback on the Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper.</p> <p>The Discussion Paper expands upon commitments in Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.</p> <p>The paper sets out goals, actions and performance measures and outlines how they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease the amount of waste going to landfill • Increase the province's overall diversion rate <p>The paper outlines eight key areas for action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent & reduce litter in neighbourhoods and parks • Opportunities to reduce and divert waste at home, work and on the go • Makes producers responsible for their products & packaging • Reduce and divert food and organic waste • Reduce plastic waste into landfills and waterways • Provide clear rules for compostable products and packaging • Recover the value of resources in waste • Support competitive and sustainable end-markets for Ontario's waste 	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p>	<p>Staff response on the Discussion Paper will be consistent with those provided on January 25, 2019 to the MECP re: EBR 013-4208 Comments on Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.</p> <p>Consistent with previous direction from Council, City staff's response will look to communicate to MECP to: making producers responsible for the waste generated from their products and packaging and are committed to moving forward with transitioning all existing programs; the need to address the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors with specific target diversion rates; the need to focus on more effective/efficient data capture; greater clarity related to the continuation of the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement and the need for clarification on how to meet obligations; an understanding of the challenges for municipalities to manage organic waste based on their context (i.e., population density); the need to address plastic waste through a multi-pronged approach; a clear understanding of the challenges municipalities have with compostables; and, a recognition of the need to address barriers to planning, infrastructure and end markets.</p>	<p>Environmental Services</p>	<p>Environmental Registry</p>



April 16, 2019

Below is a copy of a Resolution adopted by Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2019. In keeping with City Council's direction, a copy is being distributed to other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

C. Touzel
City Clerk

RESOLUTION

6.1 Single-Use Plastic Straws

WHEREAS section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that the powers of a municipality are to be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS section 8(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits the municipality to pass by-laws under section 10 and 11 which: regulates or prohibits the matter; and to require persons to do things respecting the matter; and

WHEREAS section 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits single-tier municipalities to pass by-laws respecting the following matters: economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford wishes to consider regulating or prohibiting the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws in the municipality in order to reduce: (a) littering; (b) the impact on landfills; (c) the impact on sewers; and (d) the contribution to climate change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Staff BE DIRECTED to:

1. Analyze the impacts of single-use plastic straws in the municipality; and how to reduce those impacts through the regulation and prohibition of single-use plastic straws;

2. Consult with the public and impacted industries, including but not limited to:
 - i. Retail Stores;
 - ii. Restaurants;
 - iii. Manufacturers and Distributors, as applicable;
 - iv. Chamber of Commerce;
 - v. Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee; and
 - vi. Brantford Environmental Policy Advisory Committee;
3. THAT City Staff REPORT BACK to Council on the results of their analysis and consultation; along with a process, including timelines, to:
 - a. In the first phase, regulate the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws, taking into account existing inventories and the sourcing of alternate suppliers; and
 - b. In the final phase, prohibit the sale and distribution of single-use plastics straws.
4. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the MP and MPP Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.