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On June 24, 2021 Regional Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS plastic pollution is recognized by the Government of Canada, as well as governments and scientists around the world, as damaging to the environment; and,

WHEREAS until recently Canada lacked a comprehensive and coordinated approach to addressing the growing problem of plastic pollution; and now priority should shift to implementation of the strategy; and,

WHEREAS the plastic system is expected to double the amount of plastic pollution on the planet by 2030;

WHEREAS some 40 per cent of plastic production generates “single-use” items that are used once and thrown away, which runs counter to the principles of a circular economy; and,

WHEREAS the majority of plastics produced are not currently suitable for reuse or recycling and some 8,000 tons of Canadian plastic waste end up in landfills, incinerators or the natural environment every day; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are in the position of managing the end of life of products that are not adequately managed by the producers that put them on the market; and,

WHEREAS investing in the circular economy creates jobs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that York Region Council:

1. Endorse the integrated management plan for plastics proposed by the federal government, which includes:

- a. Banning Federally six single-use items:
checkout bags, stir sticks, six-pack rings,
cutlery, certain takeout containers and straws;
 - b. Establishing a minimum requirement for
recycled plastic content in new plastic products;
2. Ask the federal government to implement this
important management plan as soon as possible and,
in any case, no later than the end of the year;
3. Further urge the government to collaborate with provincial
governments to establish a consistent framework for the
adoption of Extended Producer Responsibility regulation
across the country to ensure producers are responsible for
the full lifecycle of the products they put on the market in
Canada including establishing national targets and a public
reporting registry for plastics producers to track progress
towards targets;
4. Further urge the federal government to review the use of
biodegradable plastic, which breaks down into polluting
microplastics;
5. Further urge the federal government to invest in research
to develop a compostable food packaging standard that
aligns with current processing technology; and,
6. Finally, urge the federal government to work with provincial and
municipal governments as well as businesses to promote and
invest in innovative reuse systems to replace single-use plastic
products.

Regards,

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