



Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

January 28, 2016

Mr. John E. Betts
President and Chief Executive Officer
McDonald's Canada
P.O. Box 61023
Winnipeg, MB R3M 3X8

Dear Mr. Betts,

Re: Impact of Plastic Dome Drink Container Lids on Local Wildlife

I congratulate McDonald's for their ongoing sustainability initiatives and the 2020 aspirational goals in energy conservation, recycling and sustainable production. These are significant achievements that are aligned with Markham's sustainability initiatives.

The City of Markham's Animal Care Committee has brought to our attention a wildlife-related issue. I understand that wildlife, primarily skunks and foxes can become trapped by plastic dome lids. These lids feature a round opening large enough for an animal to push their head through but are unable to free themselves due to its rigid construction (see attached photo). In many cases, this has led to injuries that include dislocated or broken joints, gaping flesh wounds, severe dehydration and death.

I strongly encourage McDonald's to consider alternative design options enabling animals to escape.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and the City of Markham would be pleased to support a public awareness program of any new initiative.

Sincerely,

Frank Scarpitti
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cc: Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association - 2600 Skymark Avenue, Ste 8-201 Mississauga, ON, L4W 5B2
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, ON K1N 5P3, Canada
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - 200 University Ave., Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6
Denielle Duncan – City of Markham - Animal Care Committee Chair

Attached photos:



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Mr. David Clanachan
President and Chief Operating Officer
Tim Hortons Canada
874 Sinclair Road
Oakville, ON L6K 2Y1

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