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The Honourable George Heyman  
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VIA EMAIL: [ENV.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Heyman:

**Re: Support for Municipal Jurisdiction to Regulate Single-Use Items**

At its July 26, 2019 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District (Metro Vancouver) adopted the following resolution:

*That the GVS&DD Board write a letter to the Province of BC and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in support of municipal jurisdiction to regulate single use items, as it relates to the June 24, 2019 District of West Vancouver Council resolution.*

This letter is written in support of municipal jurisdictions having the ability to regulate single-use items. The District of West Vancouver Council resolution is attached for your information.

Metro Vancouver continues to support the development of a provincial *Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy* and congratulates the Province for releasing the *Plastic Action Plan Policy Consultation Paper*. In the absence of a province-wide restrictions on sale and use of single-use items, Metro Vancouver supports BC municipalities having clear jurisdiction and the opportunity to regulate the use of single-use items.

If you require more information on these programs, please contact Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services at by email at [Paul.Henderson@metrovancover.org](mailto:Paul.Henderson@metrovancover.org) or by phone at 604-432-6400.

Yours sincerely,



Sav Dhaliwal  
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board



Jack Froese  
Chair, Zero Waste Committee

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Encl: Resolution from the District of West Vancouver dated July 16, 2019, regarding Regulating Single-Use Items (*Doc# 31049466*)

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**12.3 Resolution for 2019 UBCM Conference – Regulating Single-Use Items**  
(On-Table) (File: 0055-20-UBCM1)

THAT the following resolution regarding Regulating Single-Use Items be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at the 2019 annual UBCM convention:

*Whereas single-use items increase waste, are often not recyclable, and have various negative impacts on communities across British Columbia;*

*And whereas several municipalities in British Columbia recently have acted or are in the process of acting to restrict the use of single-use items;*

*And whereas the ability of municipalities to regulate to protect the environment is specifically circumscribed by s. 9 of the Community Charter, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26, which states that a municipality may not adopt a bylaw for the protection of the natural environment unless the bylaw is established in accordance with a regulation made by the Province, is established in accordance with an agreement by the Province, or is approved by the Minister responsible (and there are no applicable regulations, agreements or approvals);*

*Therefore be it resolved that the Province specifically allow local governments to regulate or restrict single-use items by the Province's agreement, by regulation, or by approval of the Minister.*

Excerpt from the July 16 2019 District of West Vancouver Meeting Minutes. Retrieved from

<https://www.westvancouver.ca/sites/default/files/dwv/council-agendas/2019/jul/16Reconvened/19jul16-R-Agenda4.pdf>

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