

# Single-Use and Takeaway Items Reduction

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# Long Term Waste Management Strategy



# Background

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Challenges facing Toronto's Blue Bin recycling program:

- New restrictions from international markets on the import of wastes
- Increasing contamination in Blue Bin recycling lowering quality of material recovered
- Confusion on proper disposal as new materials are being introduced

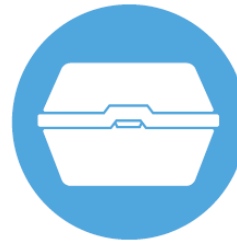
# Single-Use and Takeaway Items

July 2018 - City Council direction to:

- a) develop a work plan aimed to reduce the use of single-use or takeaway packaging or products by completing pre-consultation with residents and stakeholders
- b) develop a policy which would restrict use of plastic straws in the City of Toronto
- c) consult with affected businesses, community health groups and other organizations prior to the submission of the proposed policy which would restrict plastic straws

# Fall 2018 - Phase 1 Consultation

- A single-use or takeaway item was presented as:  
*"any product designed for a single-use after which it is disposed of, whether into garbage or a waste diversion stream, as solid waste. Typically, these products are not designed for durability or reuse."*
- The objectives were to obtain feedback on:
  - Which single-use or takeaway items should be addressed;
  - The preferred methods or approaches (through mandatory or voluntary approaches, or a combination) to reduce these items; and
  - Additional opportunities to promote reuse.



# Phase 1 Consultation Results

- +20,000 individuals participated with 95% of individuals residing in Toronto or the GTHA
  - +70% very likely or somewhat likely to use a reusable option
  - Consistent support for mandatory and voluntary approaches to reduce many items
  - Strong support (75%, 1% variation) for mandatory approaches to reduce: plastic bags, expanded polystyrene foam and black plastic takeout containers
- Polling results reinforced the survey results, however had typically lower levels of support

# Next Steps

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- Phase 2 consultation planned for Fall 2019
- Results from Phase 2 consultation and proposed work plan presented to Infrastructure and Environment Committee in Q1/2 2020

# Thank You



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