

Request for Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Consideration

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Date of Meeting: February 2, 2017

Subject: Plastic Shopping Bags

Motion for Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to Consider:

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report to look at various options to reduce or eliminate the use of plastic shopping bags in the municipality. The report should include options such as:

- A complete ban
- Partial ban, including alternatives such as paper bags.
- Impose a fee per bag use.

Reason: Many municipalities across North America are looking to phase out or eliminate the use of plastic shopping bags. Currently, a number of businesses in HRM either do not offer plastic shopping bags or charge a fee per use. Reducing or eliminating the use of plastic bags at retail outlets would result in the reduction of plastic bag litter across the municipality.

Outcome Sought: A staff report looking at the various options to reduce or eliminate the use of plastic bags. The report should examine the benefits and implications to businesses and consumers.

Councillor Tony Mancini

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