



## CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

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### **TITLE: BYLAW BANNING DISPOSABLE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS AND CUTLERY**

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This document can be used to provide Council with background/information as follows:

On December 18, 2017 Councillor Joly provided notice in accordance with Section 23 of Procedure Bylaw 22/2016 that she intended to bring forward the proposed motion below.

*In order for Council to debate the motion, the motion must be formally moved.*

#### **PROPOSED MOTION(S):**

That Administration, by the end of Q2 2018, provide a report to Council detailing the environmental, economic, and lifestyle impact, benefits, and risks of enacting a bylaw banning disposable single-use plastic straws and cutlery, including potential recommendations for exemptions.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Administration had plans to request input on the topic of single use plastic bag use with the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) in 2018. If Council wishes, the topic of banning disposable single-use plastic straws and cutlery could also be added to the EAC's list of priorities for 2018 and their written advice could be included in a report back to Council in Q2 2018.

This is a regional/provincial issue; therefore, this topic could also be brought up with the Edmonton Region Waste Minimization Committee (ERWMC) for discussion. If a single-use plastic straw and cutlery ban is pursued it would be more effective if multiple municipalities brought it forward at the same time. This may not be able to be done before the report is presented to Council in Q2. If Council wishes for the input from the ERWMC to be included in the report then a timeline of Q3 is suggested.

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