

#### 3 STEPS TO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TEMPLATES

#### **Directions:**

Reporting

- 1. The attached templates are to be used with the 3 Steps to Public Engagement Guidebook and Toolkit.
- 2. Templates are to be completed at the time of Project Plans and Charters.
- 3. Templates and the Public Engagement Spectrum chart are to be included in all Agenda Reports and files.
- 4. Templates and Public Engagement must be referenced in all Agenda Reports under the Stakeholder Communications or Engagement.
- \*The intention of the 3 Steps to Public Engagement is to help staff plan, record, report and justify the Public Engagement initiatives they undertake.

### **Public Engagement Flow Chart**

· Complete steps 1 and 2 of 3 Steps to Public Engagement Templates. Draft Plan Submit steps 1 and 2 of the 3 Steps to Public Engagement Templates to the Project Sponsor and or Manager for approval. Project Sponsor/ Manager Approval · Submit via email · Communications Manager will determine if further communications planning is Manager of required for the project. Communications Review · If required · Larger and controversial initiatives and projects may required full communications plans to be developed in coordination with Corporate Communications and your Communications departments assigned Communications Advisor. Plan · Carry our the planned public engagement activities. Conduct Engagement

> Complete Step 3 of the 3 Steps to Public Engagement Templates. · Reference public engagement activities in Agenda Reports.

· Reporting back to the public.

· Provide the 3 steps to Public Engagement Templates as Agenda Report Attachments.

<sup>\*</sup>Staff are expected to take responsibility for the Engagement and its outcomes.



#### **Exemptions:**

If your project fits into one of the following categories, you do not have to use the Three Steps to Public Engagement if:

- The project is routine, in nature, or is maintenance and follows established department policies and procedures.
- Ongoing initiatives that are part of standard business procedures and conducted on a regular basis (eg: census, community satisfaction survey, annual programming surveys, application processing that is part of everyday business procedures)
- External led projects and initiatives (primarily statutory Planning & Development activities) covered under City Council Policy C-P&E-01 Public Consultation requirements for Planning and Development Processes. These processes are governed under the Municipal Government Act and are usually processed in response to a developer application or conducted privately by the proponent.

All projects should complete the first DECIDING template, whether or not Public Engagement is required.



# 1. DECIDING TO ENGAGE TEMPLATE

# **A. Project Description**

Project Name:	Single Use Item Reduction Strategy
Responsible Department:	Utilities & Environment
Project Sponsor:	Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer
Project Manager:	Olivia Kwok, Supervisor, Waste & Diversion Programs

# **B.** Engagement Objectives

Inform target audiences about single use items in St. Albert

- What items can be included in the reduction strategy
- How single use items impact our environment
- How to reduce the use at home, school, work, City of St. Albert, etc. where possible or suggest alternatives
  - City of St. Albert Explore options such as offering option to use box for curbside recycling collection, paper bag only program for curbside leaf collection, City facilities not selling single use items such as bottled water, etc.

Engage with target audiences for feedback about reducing single use items in St. Albert

Acknowledge some members of our community may need single use items such as straws due to accessibility needs

Empower residents to share knowledge by developing tools, resources and communication materials

Encourage proper sorting of single use items in the curbside collection program

# C. Need to Engage

If you select **yes** to any of the below, engagement is necessary

	Yes	No	Comments
The issue directly affects a specific group in the community, their rights and entitlements			<ul> <li>Residents, businesses, etc.</li> </ul>
The project will impact or cause inconvenience to the daily lives of residents including services and programs			<ul> <li>Could alter shopping behaviours – e.g. bring your own</li> <li>bag/utensils/containers. Could trigger business operation changes for stores, restaurants, etc.</li> </ul>
Public input is required for project development	$\boxtimes$		



The issue directly and significantly affects the natural environment			<ul> <li>Reduce waste being sent to landfill, encourage proper waste sorting, etc.</li> </ul>
A significant number of people or particular groups are likely to have strong views on the issue	$\boxtimes$		Residents, businesses, etc.
The change or issue is likely to directly affect quality of life			<ul> <li>Could alter shopping behaviours – e.g. bring your own bag/utensils/containers for residents.</li> <li>Could trigger business operation changes for stores, restaurants, etc.</li> </ul>
A legal administrative trigger, such as public hearing, subdivision or a process governed by the Municipal Government Act		$\boxtimes$	
The decision has long-term, large-scale or otherwise significant social, environmental and/or economic impacts for one or more stakeholder groups			<ul> <li>Could alter shopping behaviours – e.g. bring your own bag/utensils/containers for residents.</li> <li>Could trigger business operation changes for stores, restaurants, etc.</li> </ul>
There is – or will be – public and/or media concern over the issue			<ul> <li>Waste is a hot topic in the media</li> <li>Other communities in Edmonton Metropolitan Region, and throughout Canada are also exploring similar bans and strategies</li> </ul>