



City of Moose Jaw

LETTER OF COMMUNICATION

TITLE: Request to Address – Mr. Stephen Lys and Environmental Science Students from A.E. Peacock Collegiate

TO: Executive Committee

FROM: City Clerk/Solicitor's Department

DATE: April 1, 2019

PUBLIC: This is a public document.

IN-CAMERA: Not applicable to this document.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mr. Stephen Lys, A.E. Peacock Collegiate Science Teacher, and Mr. Rylan Downey and Ms. Brittney Anderson, A.E. Peacock Collegiate Students, be allowed to address members of Executive Committee.

THAT this report, dated April 1, 2019 from the City Clerk/Solicitor's Department, be received and filed.

TOPIC AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to introduce a request by Mr. Stephen Lys to address Executive Committee on April 8, 2019 regarding a proposal to have the City of Moose Jaw restrict the use of single-use plastic grocery bags within the City limits.

BACKGROUND

The City Clerk/Solicitor's Department received the attached email on March 31, 2019 from Mr. Stephen Lys, a Science teacher at A.E. Peacock Collegiate, requesting permission for a delegation composed of Mr. Lys and two Environmental Science students – Mr. Rylan Downey and Ms. Brittney Anderson – to address Executive Committee regarding a proposed strategy to deal with single-use plastics.

The issue of single-use plastic bags was last discussed by Executive Committee at its meeting held January 14, 2019, when the Committee considered a report dated January 9, 2019 from the City Manager, re: Youth Advisory Committee – Plastic Bag Usage in the City of Moose Jaw. The purpose of the report was to advise of the outcome of consultations with the Youth Advisory Committee regarding plastic bag usage, following a presentation by the Youth Advisory Committee to Executive

Committee on May 28, 2018 recommending a ban on single use plastic bags in Moose Jaw. The City Manager's report stated that, after consultations, the Youth Advisory Committee had decided to promote the current recycling options and raise awareness of the issue. Executive Committee adopted a motion to receive and file the January 9, 2019 report.

DISCUSSION

The Environmental Science students at A.E. Peacock Collegiate are currently working on a project to collect plastic bags for recycling, as part of the Plastic Grab Bag Challenge that encourages schools across Canada to help reduce waste in their communities. The students now wish to propose that the City of Moose Jaw restrict the use of single use plastic grocery bags within the City limits.

PRESENTATION

AUDIO/VISUAL: X

Mr. Stephen Lys, Mr. Rylan Downey and Ms. Brittney Anderson will present a PowerPoint presentation and answer any questions from Executive Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- i. Email dated March 31, 2019 from Mr. Stephen Lys.
- ii. PowerPoint presentation: "Moose Jaw Plastic Bag Strategy."
- iii. Links to online supporting documents:

<https://www.dailyjaw.com/2019/03/28/students-challenging-community-to-recycle-their-plastic-grocery-bags/>

<https://discovermoosejaw.com/local/peacock-collegiate-looks-to-bag-national-competition>

Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw, City of Victoria

<https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Default/18-008%20Checkout%20Bag%20Bylaw.pdf>

Respectfully Submitted By,

Tracy Wittke

Tracy Wittke, Assistant City Clerk
TW/ml

APPROVAL OF REPORT RECEIVED

COMMENTS RECEIVED

Myron Gulka-Tiechko

Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor

Jim Puffalt

Jim Puffalt, City Manager

Fraser Tolmie

Fraser Tolmie, Mayor

To be completed by the Clerk's Department only.

Presented to Regular Council or Executive Committee on _____.

No. _____ Resolution No. _____

Maureen Latta

From: Stephen Lys [REDACTED]
Sent: March-31-19 4:00 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Re: time at an executive council meeting - A message from [REDACTED]
Attachments: MJ - PlasticBags.pptx

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Hi Maureen, Thanks for your response. If possible, I would like to reserve some time during the executive council meeting on April 8th. We would prefer this to the Public Forum because in discussions with Ms Froese, she had indicated that during executive council, there would be an opportunity for people to ask questions if they had any. We would like to encourage as much of an open dialogue as possible.

I will be bringing 3 Environmental Science students with me to the meeting (Kelsee Christmann, Rylan Downey and Brittney Anderson. They, along with myself, will be bringing forth a proposal to have the City of Moose Jaw restrict the use of single use plastic grocery bags within the city limits. We have been working on an environmental initiative at Peacock Collegiate to collect as many plastic bags as possible before the end of April and have come to realize that there is a real need for managing this waste stream. It is an important issue for all municipalities and one that will need to be addressed in the coming years. We hope to provide some guidance in the initiation of this process.

I have attached our PowerPoint presentation and a link to a copy of the bylaw enacted by the City of Victoria last year. We look forward to discussing this opportunity further at the meeting.

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Could you please let me know the time we are to arrive and the location of the meeting. As well, will we need to bring our own laptop, memory stick, equipment etc?

If you require additional information of me, I can be contacted at

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank-you for your time,

Stephen Lys

Moose Jaw Plastic Bag Strategy



Our Story



PLASTIC
BAG GRAB
challenge





A.E. PEACOCK COLLEGIATE

GET & STAY INVOLVED!
MJ BRING US YOUR BAGS!
2:15 DISMISSAL APR 15
#ATTENDANCEMATTERS
AEPEACOCKCOLLEGIATE







The Plastic Problem



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1. Plastic = Oil = CO₂
2. Plastic takes centuries to break down
3. 200,000 bags = 4000 ft³ of landfill space per week
4. Plastic bags can't be easily recycled
5. Dirty plastic becomes unrecoverable
6. China no longer accepts foreign recycling
7. Bag fees benefit the company, not the environment



Benefits of Removal



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1. The Landfill's Full
2. Eliminate litter proactively, rather than reactively
3. Plastic bags are easily replaced with more sustainable alternatives
4. Moose Jaw is positioned to be a leader provincially and nationally in the Global movement away from single-use plastics.



A photograph of a park area with fallen leaves and a white plastic bag in the foreground. The ground is covered in a thick layer of dry, brown leaves. In the background, there are several trees, a blue trash can, a chain-link fence, and a silver car parked on a road. The sky is clear and blue.

Showing us the Way...

North American locales who have already taken the initiative include...

Montreal (2018)

Victoria (2018)

San Francisco (2007)

Boston (2017)

Seattle (2012)

California (2016)

Hawaii (various)

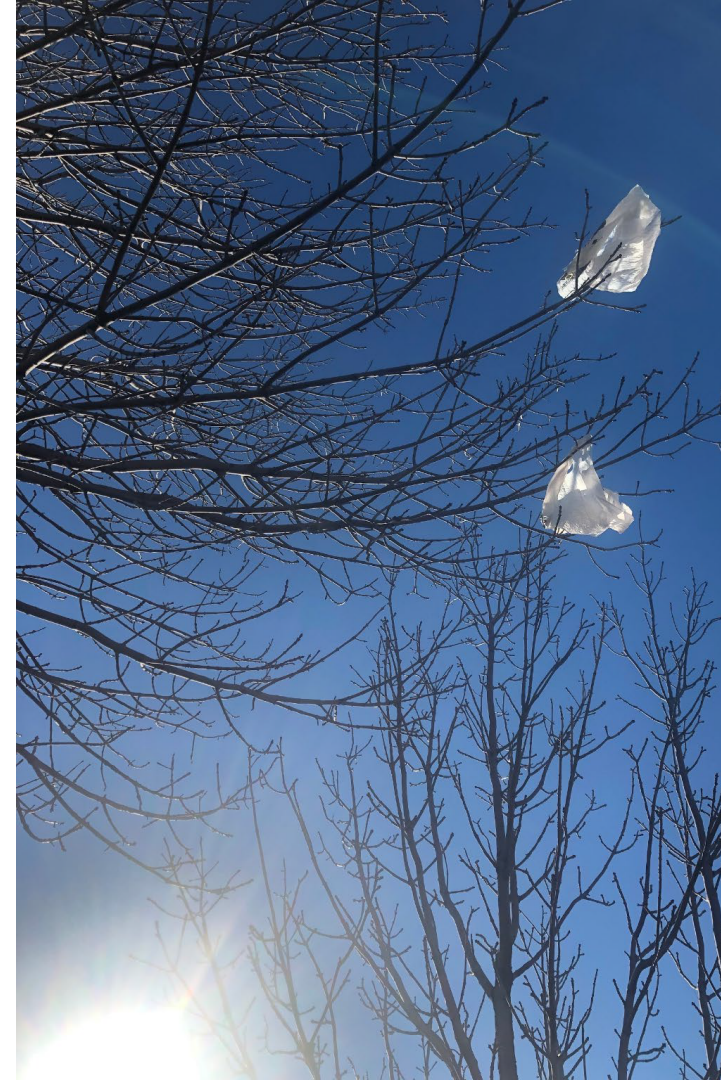
Currently moving on the issue...

Halifax

Newfoundland

New York State

Moose Jaw?



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Plastic bags comes close to reality in a 3...
BRITISH COLUMBIA 06/20/20
Associated Press

Victoria Supre

plastic bag ban closer to becoming a reality

distributing single-use

Updated: July 12, 2018 8:35 am

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Canadian

CONSUMER

June 5, 2018 10:50 am

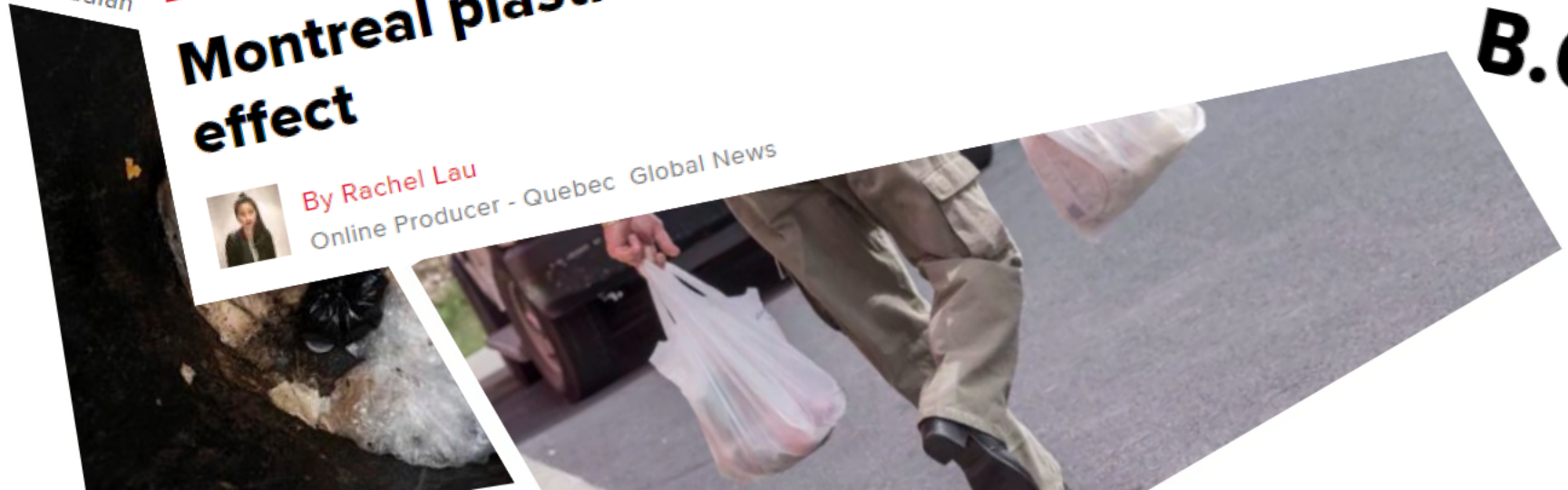
Montreal plastic bag ban officially in effect



By Rachel Lau

Online Producer - Quebec Global News

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Leadership is
action,
not position.

Resources

[Retail Council of Canada - Canadian and Provincial Regulations](#)

[The Battle of the Bag - Doc Zone - CBC](#)

[Victoria Bag Bylaw](#)

[Victoria Supreme Court Challenge](#)

[The Plastic Bag Grab](#)

