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Subject: Draft Strategy for Reducing Use of Single-use Items

Greetings Mayor and Council,

Over the last year, the City has worked with residents and businesses to create a draft strategy for reducing the use of single-use items. The results of that consultation have been put into a draft strategy which proposes the priority actions including reduction plans for disposable cups and plastic/paper shopping bags, a ban on the distribution of polystyrene foam cups and containers, a requirement for food vendors to ask if customers would like a straw, a requirement for single-use cups and containers to be recycled or compostable, and options for recovering the cost of collecting single-use items through a surcharge on business licenses or other mechanism.

The draft strategy will be available online 10am thursday at www.vancouver.ca/zerowaste, where the public can provide feedback until April 13, 2018.

The public are invited to attend an open house on April 10 at the CityLab space (511 W Broadway) 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Owners of small businesses that distribute single-use items are invited to attend a consultation meeting to discuss the draft strategy with City staff. Translation services will be available upon request.

Location: 511 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Dates: April 11, 2018: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

April 11, 2018: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Register: Call 3-1-1 to register in English, or (604) 829-9500 if you require translation.

Registrations are due by April 9, 2018. Presentations will be given in English so please indicate on the call if you require translation services at the meeting.

The feedback gathered during this final round of consultation will help to inform the final Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy which is expected to be presented to Council on May 16, 2018.

Best,
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