

From: **"Mochrie, Paul"**

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Subject: RE: question - accessibility report

Attachments: **Letter to Minister Heyman Re Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies.pdf**  
**Letter to FCM President S Pearce Re Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies.PDF**  
**Letter from Council Motion - Single-Use Item By-Laws and Report Back on Cup Policies.pdf**

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Hi Lisa,

As requested, attached are copies of three letters that were distributed in response to the action items listed below.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Paul

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**From:** Dominato, Lisa <Lisa.Dominato@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 7, 2024 10:55 AM  
**To:** Mochrie, Paul  
**Cc:** Morphy, Mellisa <Mellisa.Morphy@vancouver.ca>  
**Subject:** question - accessibility report  
**Importance:** High

Hi Paul – with the accessibility report and update on deck this week, could we please get an update in advance of Tuesday’s meeting as to whether the following action items have been carried out.

I am asking as I am preparing an amendment that would ask Council to pass a resolution to take to the next FCM board meeting re: advocacy around accessible straws.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Lisa

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FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to write the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) about today s report and the need to amend the federal Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations (SOR/2022-138) in order to enhance accessibility under the federal plastic straw ban.

[Minutes, Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities Meeting, February 28, 2024 \(vancouver.ca\)](#)

**Lisa Dominato, MA, GCB.D** | she/her

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“The two skills of the warrior are compassion and insight. Compassion is easy - it arises spontaneously from an open heart. Insight or discernment requires more skill. We have to choose our battles.”

— Margaret J. Wheatley

March 28, 2024

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Canada

Dear Minister Guilbeault,

**Re: Single-Use Item By-laws and Report Back on Cup Policies**

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These requests aim to enhance accessibility while aligning with the Government of Canada's efforts to promote sustainable alternatives. By allowing for the provision of accessible straws, displaying packages of flexible plastic straws in stores, and attaching flexible plastic straws to beverage containers, we can ensure that individuals with disabilities are not disproportionately affected by plastic bans while still striving toward our shared environmental goals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working together to take positive action addressing single-use plastics and promoting environmental stewardship.

Please contact Chief of Staff, Trevor Ford ([Trevor.Ford@vancouver.ca](mailto:Trevor.Ford@vancouver.ca) or 604-754-2530), should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mayor Ken Sim  
City of Vancouver



MAYOR KEN SIM

April 25, 2024

President Scott Pearce  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities

BY EMAIL

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## Appendix A

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MAYOR KEN SIM

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