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Subject: FCM Board Meeting: Outcome of the Consideration of Vancouver Motion - Enhancing Accessibility Under the Federal Plastic Straw Ban

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

On September 25, 2024, Council passed a motion entitled [Enhancing Accessibility Under the Federal Plastic Straw Ban](#), which directed a resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for consideration:

- RESOLVED, That FCM urge the federal government to enhance accessibility under the Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations by allowing the following:
 - i. Food vendors to provide an “accessible straw” (flexible plastic straw, individually wrapped in paper) when requested;
 - ii. Retailers to display packages of flexible plastic straws in stores; and
 - iii. Flexible plastic straws attached to beverage containers like drink boxes.

This resolution was considered at the FCM Board meeting on March 20, 2025, and the Board decided to categorize the resolution as: Category A – Concurrence (Adopted as FCM policy). As outlined in the [FCM Procedures for Resolutions](#), this means that the resolution met the criteria for municipal-federal issues, will be sent to the relevant government minister, and will remain FCM policy for a period of three (3) years.

Thank you,
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