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Subject: Council Motion re reduction of single use plastic

I am writing in support Councillor West's motion which he will be putting forth at the council meeting on Tuesday May 28. The motion proposes the reduction/elimination of single use plastic in our community.

We need to use less plastic. Many of us, as individuals, are working to reduce our dependence on single use plastic. Spring walks are marred by the sight of plastic littering our community.

Canada produces roughly 300 million tons of plastic each year and half of it is disposable. World-wide only 10-13% of plastic items are recycled. Plastic litter is now virtually inescapable throughout the depths of the world's oceans. In the process of breaking down, plastic releases toxic chemicals which make their way into our food, our water, and into our bodies.

I urge all Richmond Hill councillors to support Councillor West's motion and to support York Region's plan to explore reducing single use plastic.

In 20015 Richmond Hill council voted unanimously to support a municipal right to a healthy environment. Supporting this motion is a way to stand up to that commitment.

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