

Town Council
Town of Blue Mountains
Thornbury Ontario

June 2, 2019

Re: Plastics Ban

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing as concerned citizens of the Town of Blue Mountains, Ontario, Canada and the World. As a people we are facing the most critical time in humanity's history – a climate crisis of epic proportions. There is urgency to act now – time is running out. And citizens are coming to that realization.

This proposed motion is but a small drop in a much larger movement to make change –despite how painful, difficult, selfless and challenging it will be. Changes to help avert this crisis must be sustainable and will shift our way of life. That's the tough part.

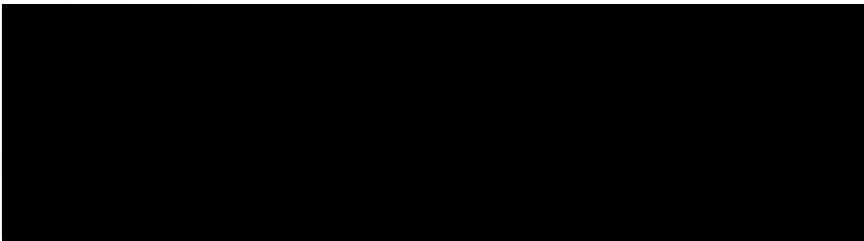
Therefore, it needs leadership and the audacity to act. We can't afford to wait for all the stars to align and everyone agree. Politicians and councillors like you cannot sit on your hands and do nothing. Step up, take a lead, we as citizens crave it. And you will have support – over 82% of Canadians want to take immediate action on plastics.

We were recently at a meeting in Flesherton where a large number of concerned citizens and local politicians (councillors and federal candidates) discussed the New Green Deal concept. The despair, hope and commitment to work on what needs to be done in the room was palpable.

We also as individuals are taking our own steps to make the needed changes. We can't do it alone. 50% of the efforts needs to come through government and industry to take a lead and initiate the larger changes to avert the crisis.

While it feels a huge step to take on this plastics ban, there will be many more huge steps and shifts we will need to make. This is a crisis – an emergency. Let's not wait until it is too late.

Sincerely,



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cc. Odette Barnicki, Deputy Mayor

