



Proposed Framework for the City of Edmonton's Single-Use Plastics Bylaw:

- **Styrofoam** – a ban on single-use polystyrene foam food service items
- **Bags** – a hybrid approach
 - ban single-use plastic bags + fee on paper bags (20 cents)
 - exemptions for certain items, such as: produce bags; bags to contain fresh meat or fish products; bags used to contain bulk food items; dry cleaning bags
 - exemptions for certain types of establishments, such as non-profit organizations
 - specify a minimum charge for reusable bags (at least 2 dollars) to dissuade the unnecessary accumulation of reusable bags
- **Straws** – prohibit businesses from providing single-use straws, unless requested by customers (noting that straws should be readily available to individuals who required a straw)
- **Utensils and Stir Sticks** - prohibit businesses from providing single-use utensils and stir sticks, unless requested by customers
- **Disposable Cups** – Fee (20 cents)
- **Take-out Containers** – Fee (20 cents)
- Require that any single-use items provided **be recyclable or compostable in local facilities**
- **Encourage Reusables:**
 - Specify that no retail business shall deny the use of any sanitary reusable item by a customer
 - Businesses that offer take-away options must ask customers whether their order is “to stay” or “to go”. If the order is “to stay”, they are required to serve the order using reusable items
 - Exemptions: existing businesses that do not have dishwashing capacity for reusable items may request a waiver if they can demonstrate inability to comply due to space constraints and financial hardship
 - Business licenses shall only be granted for businesses that have adequate dishwashing capacity to offer reusable items for “to stay” orders
 - Exemptions: new businesses may request a waiver to this requirement if they can demonstrate inability to comply due to space constraints and financial hardship.



Policies to compliment the Bylaw:

1. **Education and Awareness** - develop a communication and engagement campaign to:
 - a. Educate citizens about the bylaw and ways to transition towards a “reusable lifestyle”
 - b. Support affected businesses and other organizations in the transition
2. **Funding:**
 - a. Consider providing reusable items to low-income citizens to assist them with the transition
 - b. Provide funding and other non-monetary support to aid the transition for charitable food providers and small businesses
3. **Infrastructure support to encourage reusables**
 - a. E.g. encourage stores to have a “take a bag, leave a bag” station to create a closed-loop system that does not require the production and purchase of new bags.