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**Subject:** FW: Sustainable Packaging for the Food and Beverage Industry

**From:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX [<mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca>]

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**To:** Kelly Kenney

**Subject:** RE: Sustainable Packaging for the Food and Beverage Industry

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*June 25, 2020*

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer  
City of Langley  
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Dear Kelly Kenney:

Thank you for your letter of May 29, 2020, regarding sustainable packaging for the food and beverage industry, and a copy of the council resolution with respect to the increase in consumption of single-use plastics and Styrofoam due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I share the concerns you have raised regarding the increase in use of single-use packaging and Styrofoam during this unprecedented time. I appreciate the efforts that have been made by all local governments and businesses to abide by the orders from provincial health officer (PHO) and recognize that some temporary measures have led to an increase in the use of take-out packaging.

As you may know, last year, the Province initiated a [Plastics Action Plan Policy Consultation Paper](#) and engagement process. While the COVID-19 health emergency has delayed some timelines for the Plastics Action Plan, my ministry continues to work on policy measures related to that plan, as reducing single-use plastics and waste remains a government priority. Some of the options we are considering include provincial bans on single-use plastic packaging, expanding producer responsibility for plastic recycling and stepping up our bottle deposit system.

Thank you for your resolution, and we will take your recommendation into consideration as we continue with B.C.'s restart plan. You may be interested to know that at the time of writing this letter, reusable bags and beverage containers are no longer restricted, in line with [BC Centre for Disease Control guidance](#). We will look to our PHO for when other relevant restrictions can be eased.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised and thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

George Heyman  
Minister

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**From:** Kelly Kenney <[kkenney@langleycity.ca](mailto:kkenney@langleycity.ca)>  
**Sent:** May 29, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX <[ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Sustainable Packaging for the Food and Beverage Industry

Dear Minister,  
Please see the attached correspondence from the Council for the City of Langley.

Regards,

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