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Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Room 112 Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

VIA Email: ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister:

## Re: Sustainable Packaging for the Food and Beverage Industry

At its May 25, 2020 Regular Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley considered a proposed resolution put forward by a Council member, with respect to the increase in consumption of single use plastics and Styrofoam due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council subsequently resolved that the following resolution be forwarded to the appropriate provincial and federal ministers with copies to City of Langley MPs and MLA:

**WHEREAS** the consumption of single use plastics and Styrofoam has increased considerably during the COVID-19 pandemic, perpetuating long term impacts on the environment. This will continue with the ongoing restrictions pertaining to the food and beverage industry;

**WHEREAS** subsidizing biodegradable and/or eco-friendly take out containers and bags for the food and beverage industry within Langley City would provide support for businesses to transition within our municipality during the restart phase of the pandemic and serve as a lasting benefit to the environment locally and globally;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Langley City Council requests the provincial and federal governments to provide a subsidy for biodegradable and/or ecofriendly packaging for the food and beverage industry.

Yours truly,

CITY OF LANGLEY

Kelly Kenney Corporate Officer

Cc Tamara Jansen, Member of Parliament Cloverdale-Langley City Tako van Popta, Member of Parliament Langley-Aldergrove Mary Polak, Member of Legislative Assembly Langley