

## **South Cariboo Sustainability Society**

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Board of Directors Cariboo Regional District Suite D, 180 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 2A4

Dear Board of Directors,

We are writing to enquire about what dialogue you may have ongoing or, better yet, what policies you may be considering to encourage a reduction in the usage of single-use plastics in the Cariboo region.

Many communities, both large and small, across the country and abroad are actively implementing initiatives to measurably reduce the use of these environmental/ecologically damaging products. In turn, many businesses are responding to this growing trend and have launched programs to replace these harmful products with more eco-friendly alternatives. For example, A & W Restaurants are phasing out plastic straws with a biodegradable alternative.

We here at the South Cariboo Sustainability Society strongly support these efforts to significantly reduce the utilization of single-use plastics. We are therefore offering our support for whatever plans you have to encourage local businesses to reduce their reliance on these harmful products. In addition, we would like to participate in the development of your policies for achieving this desirable outcome. We would also be interested in supporting any awareness programs to bring this important initiative to the attention of local residents.

We look forward to hearing back from you with an update on your thoughts around advancing an objective to significantly reduce the usage of single-use plastics in our community.

Sincerely,

Hugh Thomas Board Chair

South Cariboo Sustainability Society

Cariboo Regional District

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