



Statement from Victoria, Tofino, Squamish and Rossland Mayors on BC's Plastics Engagement

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VICTORIA, BC — Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps, Tofino Mayor Josie Osborne, Squamish Mayor Karen Elliott and Rossland Mayor Kathy Moore issued the following joint statement today about BC's engagement on banning, reducing and recycling more plastics:

"As mayors of communities that are taking a leadership role to reduce single-use plastics, we are delighted to see the Province launch a consultation period to hear from British Columbians on this important issue. We're encouraged that the Province will also take a leadership role to reduce needless waste across the Province.

"Our communities have enthusiastically embraced the reduction of single-use plastic items. We have adopted bylaws or are in the process of doing so to prohibit single-use plastic bags. We've done this because single-use plastics and other single-use items present a huge problem and big expense in solid waste management, which is a local government responsibility. In Victoria, for example, over the last year 17 million plastic bags were diverted from the landfill.

"We are keen to work with the Provincial government to establish a clear role for local governments, our residents and businesses to move towards a sustainable, zero-waste economy and environment. We are confident that by working with the Province over the next few months, local governments will be able to offer our experience and expertise that will help the government develop and implement strong policies to reduce unnecessary single-use items across British Columbia."

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