

City to resume enforcement of Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw November 2020

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) — The City of Wetaskiwin is planning to resume enforcement of Plastic Checkout Bag Ban Bylaw 1913-18 as of mid-November 2020.

Bylaw 1913-18 was suspended in March by the City's Director of Emergency Management, Robert Osmond, in the interest of public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Osmond has made the decision to wait until the anticipated second wave of infection is over before resuming its enforcement.

"The City's efforts to reduce the number of single use plastic bags in Wetaskiwin remains a top priority, and we continue to strongly encourage sustainable initiatives for the long-term wellness of our community," said Osmond. "It makes little sense, however, to begin the process of resuming enforcement of the plastic bag ban until after the second wave of infection is over."

City staff will reach out to local businesses in the coming weeks to ensure they are aware of the City's plans to resume enforcement of the bylaw, and to address any questions or concerns. Residents looking to resume using their reusable bags are encouraged to contact individual businesses directly regarding their current bag policies.

Additional information will be posted on the City's website at wetaskiwin.ca/COVID19 and social media channels as it becomes available.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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