

Ban Plastic Bags in Invermere, BC



1,068 have signed. Let's get to 1,500!

Stephanie Van de Kemp started this petition to Invermere Council (CAO) and 6 others

In Canada, up to 15 billion plastic bags are used every year. That number is so huge, it's hard to even fathom. Less than 10 per cent of plastic used in Canada gets recycled. Most single-use plastic ends up in landfills and oceans.

In 2018, during the Invermere Municipal Election, residents were asked the following referendum question: Do you support a bylaw that bans plastic check out bags at all retail stores within Invermere? The results: 727 people, or 69 per cent of those who voted, support a plastic bag ban at retail stores in Invermere.

Invermere is a destination that promotes a healthy outdoor lifestyle to visitors from all over the world. Single-use plastic is destructive to nature and a threat to the outdoor experience as we know it. We, the undersigned residents of Invermere and surrounding communities including Radium, Edgewater, Panorama, Windermere, Fairmont and Canal Flats, ages 18 and over, call on Mayor and Council of the District of Invermere (DOI) and leaders of the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) to embrace the ideals of our mountain community by implementing a comprehensive single-use plastic strategy, beginning with a bylaw banning single-use plastic bags.