

**Petition Comments - Plastic Pollution in the Columbia Valley**  
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Recipient: Invermere Council, Mayor Al Miller, Director Rob Gay, Gerry Wilkie, Susan Clovechok, Mayor Sterzer, Mayor Reinhard

Letter: Greetings,

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.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jocelyn Withell	Calgary, Canada	2019-11-25	"We can all make an effort to bring our own bags or use paper ones. Plastic is totally unnecessary!"
Janet Watson	Canada	2019-11-25	"Plastic bags are wasteful if resources and destructive to the environment."
Meredith Hamstead	Invermere, British Columbia, Canada	2019-11-26	"Frustrating that we need to keep pressing on this simple issue even after such a clear directive from Invermere voters."
Doug Charlton	Invermere, British Columbia, Canada	2019-11-26	"No more single use plastics!"
Patty Glennon	Brisbane, Australia	2019-11-26	"Banning single use plastic bags is a no brainer! Australia has reduced single use plastic bags by over 80% (some retailers by 90%) - do it Invermere!!!"
Brier Albano	Medicine Hat, Canada	2019-11-26	"People I care about live in this community and love this community."
michelle rievaj	Windermere, Canada	2019-11-26	"It is a relatively small change to make a significant impact and demonstrate our community committment to doing better."
Greg Adams	Revelstoke, BC, Canada	2019-11-26	"When federal and provincial governments won't step up to the plate, municipal governments must do what they can to set the example. Single use plastics such as plastic bags do harm that can be prevented if we simply don't make/use/discard them. Many other communities are banning plastics because it is the right thing to do. It only makes sense for Invermere to ban plastics to reflect the community values."
Alexis Temes	Radium hot springs, Canada	2019-11-26	"Ireland can do it! So can we"
Sandra Nelson	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-26	"Plastic is a pollution problem"
Julia Staniszewski	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-26	"It's a no brainer!"
Kayja Becker	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-26	"Thank you Stephanie for organizing this petition! I look forward to bringing the discussion back to council :)"
Sierra Franklin	Canal Flats, Canada	2019-11-26	"We don't need em!"
Alison Costantino	Oakville, Canada	2019-11-26	"I want my children to have a future!"
Lorna Hogg	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-26	"Because it's logical"
Julie Kronlund	Golden , BC, Canada	2019-11-26	"Too much plastic ... lets do the right move"
Pauline Chevanne	Canal Flats, Canada	2019-11-26	"One more step in the right direction"

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Maria Van Geel	Zdroisko, Poland	2019-11-26	"Getekend"
Linda Fitzpatrick	Windermere, Canada	2019-11-26	"I am signing because we should not be using plastic bags. They are dangerous and definitely not good for the environment."
Fernande Fournier	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	2019-11-26	* See below for translation. "C'es notre devoir de respectez et protegez les animaux, la nature et notre planète! Eux, aussi on une âme. Eux, aussi on le droit d'avoirs une vie saine sur ce planète. En a que une nature et une planète. Vous, le savez? Vous, êtes des humains, soyez humaines. Prenez, enfin votre responsabilité et réagissez, s.v.p. Arrêtez, cette souffrance et ce massacre envers les animaux, la nature et notre planète! Il ya bien des autres alternatives. Civilisez? Certains " humains " n'ont pas le mot propreté et respect, dans leur vocabulaire! C'es bien triste, de signez des pétitions. Merci."
Anne Jardine	Edgewater, BC, Canada	2019-11-26	"The world already has too much plastic."
Barbara Evans	Calgary, Canada	2019-11-27	"I believe every little bit helps, small steps mean a lot more than unreachable jumps"
Katie Israelson	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-27	"Our water is not for sale!"
Isabelle Rouleau	Canmore, Canada	2019-11-27	"Its a necessity!!"
Catherine Kammann	Canmore, Alberta, Canada	2019-11-27	"we need to stop...with all the excess plastic garbage. this is an easy start."
Odette Lambert	Saint-Lambert, Canada	2019-11-27	"I support this cause"
Krista Cords	Springfield, Illinois, US	2019-11-27	"I love Invermere and the Kootneys."
Baiba Morrow	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-27	"We may be a small community but we can make significant and necessary changes, and lead the way in the East Kootenay."
Beverley Drinkwalter	BALMERTOWN, Canada	2019-11-27	"I believe all plastic check out bags should be banned."
Bill Swan	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-27	"Reduction of plastics in the world's ecosystems (and ultimately ourselves) is vital"
Emily Purcell	Albert Park, Australia	2019-11-28	"We band in in Australia... invermere can do it too!"
Crisanna MacLeod	INVERMERE, Canada	2019-11-29	"I am not waiting for municipal representatives to be in charge of making it a law - to just do what is right. IamGetting better at it... use cloth bags for groceries, bags for veggies. No water in bottles , not even recyclable huge ones- have Nikken system. I mail excess packaging back to producer, C.O.D. My responsibility not the govt job. An idea - stores! catch us being good- we bring our own bags and our name goes in for a monthly draw (for ALL shopping/ groceries/ hardware/drug store/retail/ thrift stores/restaurants, we

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			bring our own take out containers) Which business wants to be the leader in this? And I'll sign the petition."
Peter Hale	Invermere, Canada	2019-11-29	"plastic is evil"
Kimberly olson	Canada	2019-11-29	"Yes! Another step towards a more sustainable future. We need to protect what sustains life. Every little choice helps! Thanks Steph."
Laura MacKinnon	Invermere, Canada	2019-12-02	"Because if not now, then when?"
Celine moonen	Roberts Creek, Canada	2019-12-05	"All plastic bags should be banned. They're better options available"
Donna Maksymec	Edmonton, Canada	2019-12-10	"It's the right thing to do."
Jill Beaven	Pwllheli, Wales; Cymru, UK	2019-12-21	"I'm concerned about plastic waste and it's consequences on the environment. Alternative packaging needs to be used and found ."
Elaine Becker	Roanoke, Virginia, US	2019-12-24	"This stuff haunts us for decades!"
Violet Brown	Penticton, Canada	2019-12-30	"**** the oil industry destroying our world. They better not use paper bags either unless they are recycled."

\* Translation using Google Translate:

"It is our duty to respect and protect animals, nature and our planet! They too have a soul. Them, also on the right to have an identical life on this planet. There is only one nature and one planet. You know it? You are humans, be humans. Finally, take your responsibility and react, please stop, this sufficiency and this massacre towards animals, nature and our planet! There are many other alternatives. Civilize? Some "humans" do not have the word cleanliness and respect, in their vocabulary! It's very sad, to sign petitions. Thank you."