



Municipality of Rankin Inlet

Single-use Plastic Bag By-law No. 322

A BY-LAW of the Municipal Corporation of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet deems it necessary to prohibit certain types of waste from being burned in incinerators or dumped in garbage dumps, pursuant to the provisions of the Hamlet Act, R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c.H-1, section 85.1. (b).

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet to pass a by-law to state the prohibitions and conditions of single-use plastic bag being provided by all commercial establishments within the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet;

AND WHEREAS Single-Use Plastic shopping bag have been determined to be the main contributor of litter throughout the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet wishes to reduce the detrimental effects on the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE HAMLET OF RANKIN INLET, in a duly constituted meeting, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This By-law may be cited as the "Single-use Plastic Bag" By-Law.

2. INTERPRETATION

In this By-law:

"Business"	means any for-profit organization such as retail or convenience stores, restaurants, kiosks, or any businesses where goods are offered for sale;
"Check-out Bag"	means any bag that is intended to use for transporting goods obtained by a customer from a Business;
"Council"	means the Council member of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet;
"Hamlet"	means Hamlet of Rankin Inlet;
"Reusable Bag"	means check out bags thicker than 2.25 mm thick, designed and manufactured to be capable of at least 100 uses;
"Single-Use Plastic Bag"	means check out bags thinner than 2.00 mm thick, made with plastic, including biodegradable or composable plastic,
"Small Plastic Bag"	means any bags that is less than 15 centimeters by 30 centimeters;

3. PROHIBITION

- 3.1. Except as provided in this By-law, no Business shall not provide, sell, or distribute Single-use Plastic bags to a customer.

4. REGULATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

- 4.1. A Business may provide a check out bag to a customer only if the bag is a Paper bag or a reusable bag.
- 4.2. No Business shall deny or discourage a customer from using their own Check out Bag.
- 4.3. This Bylaw shall not apply to Small Plastic Bags used for the following items:
 - 4.3.1. Package for loose bulk items such fruits and vegetables
 - 4.3.2. Pre-packaging of meat, fruits, or vegetables;
 - 4.3.3. Plastic used for bakery goods or pre-cooked meals;
 - 4.3.4. Transport live seafood;
- 4.4. Any Businesses may request for an exemption from this Bylaw for a maximum period of five (5) months from the effective day of this Bylaw; this request shall be in writing. The Hamlet may grant an exemption for one time use only.

5. ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1. Every person or corporation who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Bylaw and shall be liable to a fine as outlined in this Bylaw.
- 5.2. Bylaw Enforcement Officers of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet are responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Bylaw.

6. PENALTIES

- 6.1. Anyone violating any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary of conviction to a fine of:
 - 6.1.1. Not less than \$5,000 for the first offence; or
 - 6.1.2. Not more than \$10,000 for the second offence and the same amount shall be applied for repeated offence.

7. ENACTMENT

- 7.1. This Bylaw shall come into force on **July 31st, 2022** and have effect upon from and after the third and final reading.

Read a first time this 24th day of August, 2021.

Read a second time this 24th day of August, 2021.

Read a third time and finally passed this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor, Harry Towntongie

SAO, Darren Flynn

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