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Mayor Wally Andersen
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay
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Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL A0P 1E0

Dear Mayor Andersen:

Thank you for your letter dated January 11, 2018, regarding a ban on plastic shopping bags. I understand your concerns related to the issues these bags and other debris can cause in the environment.

The merits, logistics, and legislative aspects of banning plastic shopping bags and other alternative measures have been reviewed jointly by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Service NL, and the Multi Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB). During this process, various stakeholders were consulted and their views were fully considered. The Department is in agreement that initiatives need to be undertaken to reduce packaging including plastic shopping bags. For many reasons we have decided to take a broader approach to address packaging in general. Since plastic shopping bags make up less than 0.2% of all waste generated in NL annually and 6% of litter found along our roadways, focusing efforts solely on these bags will yield minimal environmental improvement. In addition, these bags have secondary household uses for the disposal of household waste and therefore there are potential unintended environmental impacts to eliminating them as alternative waste bags are generally much heavier and may lead to an increase in overall plastic consumption. We must develop comprehensive environmental policy which considers alternatives to plastic shopping bags, the environmental footprint of alternative packaging such as recyclable and cotton bags, and public practices.

To address the concerns in the context of the broader category of packaging, the Department will work with the MMSB, industry, and other stakeholders to continue to pursue the establishment of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for the management of printed paper and packaging (PPP) as a long term strategy for the management of all PPP, including plastic shopping bags. This is consistent with the approach that is being taken by provincial and territorial governments across Canada. An EPR program for PPP would shift the cost of the post-consumer management of all packaging, including plastic bags, to the producer of those products. In addition to EPR the Department will continue to work with stakeholders to develop a plan which will include specific initiatives targeted to significantly reduce the use of plastic shopping bags.

We feel that this approach better addresses the concerns of all packaging products, not just plastic shopping bags, while at the same time avoiding the potential unintended consequences a plastic shopping bag ban might have on the environment. Thank you for providing your perspective.

Sincerely,



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District of Humber - Bay of Islands

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Honourable Perry Trimper, MHA, Lake Melville District
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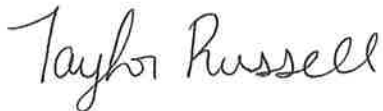
Mr. Anderson
Mayor
Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay
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Dear Mayor Anderson

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity. By awarding me this scholarship I can concentrate on what is important to me, education. Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal just as you have helped me. which has allowed me to further my education and will help achieve my post-secondary goals.

Receiving this scholarship motivates me to maintain my GPA and complete my degree. As I complete my education at College of the North Atlantic and going onto Memorial University, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful donation and for having confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals.

Sincerely



Taylor Russell

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