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His Worship Mayor Leonard Krog
and Councillors
City of Nanaimo
2020 Labieux Road
Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9

Sent via email: Leonard.Krog@nanaimo.ca

Dear Mayor Krog and Council:

Thank you for your letter of October 23, 2020, regarding the City of Nanaimo's Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw 2020 No. 7283.

Staff from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy have reviewed Bylaw No. 7283 and related documentation. Pursuant to Section 9(3) of the *Community Charter*, as the Minister responsible for approving bylaws made under Section 8(3)(j) of the *Community Charter* [protection of the natural environment], I consider Bylaw No. 7283, 2020 approved. Please ensure that a copy of the final adopted bylaw is sent to my office for our records.

My approval should not be taken as a formal approval as to the validity or enforceability of Bylaw No. 7283, 2020 or compliance with any other procedural requirements relating to the exercise of the City of Nanaimo's bylaw authority. Future amendments to Bylaw No. 7283 will require Ministerial approval.

Our government strongly supports municipal leadership to address single-use plastics and is committed to ensuring that regulation of single-use plastics in B.C. is consistent across communities. As announced in September 2020, the Province is taking steps to address these important issues, including proposed regulatory changes to support municipal bylaws that meet certain parameters for accessibility, public health, and reduction of waste from alternative materials.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gwendolyn Lohbrunner, Director, Clean Communities, in the Environmental Protection Division of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, at Gwendolyn.Lohbrunner@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



George Heyman
Minister

cc: Taaj Daliran, Manager, Sanitation, Recycling, Cemeteries & Public Works
Administration, City of Nanaimo