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# WHY?

The District of Squamish Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw requires that checkout bags be provided to customers for purchase only. Fees vary based on the environmental impact of each material.

Compostable and biodegradable plastic checkout bags are prohibited due to the processing difficulties they pose to current local composting facilities and their potentially misleading claims of environmental superiority.

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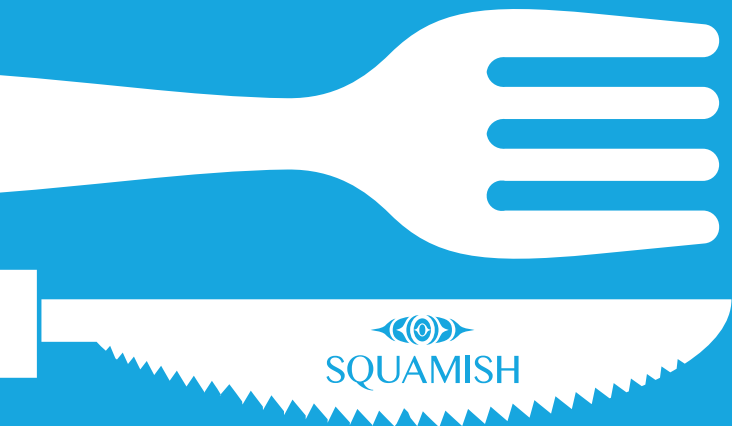
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The Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw requires that businesses work to reduce the number of straws provided to customers, and seek out alternative approaches where possible. Plastic straws cannot be recycled, therefore under the bylaw:

- Only **non-plastic single-use straws** can be provided, and only if a customer is first asked if they need one. Compostable and biodegradable plastic straws are prohibited due to the processing difficulties they pose to current local composting facilities and their potentially misleading claims of environmental superiority.
- Accessible Straws must be stocked and provided upon request. An accessible straw is defined as a bendable plastic straw that meets a wide range of health and accessibility needs.

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The Single-Use Items Reduction Bylaw requires that businesses use utensils that are not plastic, including compostable plastics.

Reusable utensils, or single use wooden utensils are both acceptable alternatives.

The Bylaw applies to all businesses who distribute utensils with the purchase of food, and does not apply to utensils bought in bulk packages.

A plastic utensil includes a spoon, fork, knife, chopstick or stir stick made with plastic, including biodegradable plastic or compostable plastic.

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