Good afternoon, The City of Richmond Hill has recently received a motion from Council directing staff to look into ways we can reduce our use of single use items across our City facilities (internally) and across our community (externally). We are currently exploring ways we can reduce the use of single use items at our municipal offices and are exploring the possibility of developing a recognition program for businesses as well. We are interested in the approach that the Town of Blue Mountains is taking to address this issue, and are interested in knowing more about the following: • How you are going about phasing out single use plastics from all Town-owned facilities and events? Aside from bottled water, what other items will be phased out? Will you be developing any specific policies to support this, and how will these policies be enforced? What alternatives will be used instead of these single use items? • How will you be engaging with the business community as you proceed with the development of a recognition program? Are you modeling this program after another municipalities program? • Do you know how effective the voluntary ban has been so far? Has there been a lot of uptake from businesses to participate? Any information you can provide us with is greatly appreciated. If you would prefer to set up a phone call to discuss this instead, please let me know what your availability is like in the next week or two. Thank you, Elizabeth Stec Waste Management Corporate Asset Management & Environment Services Environment and Infrastructure Services