

February 10, 2020

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council on February 4, 2020 the following motion was carried;

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-057

DATE: February 4, 2020

MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman

SECONDED BY: Councillor Margetson

Council's support for lobbying the Federal Government to review the regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes

WHEREAS many municipalities in Ontario have endorsed a similar resolution urging the Federal Government to review the regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable;

AND WHEREAS single-use wipes are a \$6-billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as the clean alternative to toilet paper and are safe to flush;

AND WHEREAS there is no one standard for what the word “flushable” means;


AND WHEREAS single-use wipes may in fact not be safe to flush as they are buoyant; are not biodegradable; and, are unable to break down into small pieces quickly;

AND WHEREAS single-use wipes may accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system costing municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars in additional repairs and maintenance costs each year to municipal sewer systems across the country;

AND WHEREAS there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. **THAT** the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests that the Federal Government to review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable;
2. **AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



Mayor

