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His Worship Rob Vagramov
Mayor
City of Port Moody
c/o Ms. Stephanie Ivall
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 2020, forwarded to me by the Office of the Prime Minister, with which you included a council resolution for banning single-use plastics in the City of Port Moody. I regret the delay in responding.

I am pleased to learn that our respective governments share the goal of addressing plastic waste and pollution, including by prohibiting or restricting certain single-use plastics. Achieving zero plastic waste depends on the efforts of all levels of government, as well as businesses, civil society, and individual Canadians. The leadership being shown by the City of Port Moody is an important contribution to this endeavor.

As you may know, in October 2020, the Government of Canada announced further proposals to address plastic waste and pollution. These include a discussion paper outlining a proposed framework for managing plastics, a proposed list of single-use items to be banned or restricted, as well as other potential measures to increase Canada's ability to recycle and recover plastics. The discussion paper can be found at www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environmental-protection-act-registry/plastics-proposed-integrated-management-approach.html. The release of this discussion paper was followed by public engagement that included five public webinars and numerous stakeholder discussions.

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Meteorological Service of Canada's 150th anniversary

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I commend the City of Port Moody's support for its small businesses, and I agree that every level of government has a role to play in helping small businesses during these difficult times. The Government of Canada is taking immediate, significant and decisive action to support Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Programs have been put in place to provide financial support, loans, and access to credit. For example, the Canada Emergency Business Account provides interest-free, partially forgivable

loans of up to \$60 000 to small businesses and not-for-profits that have experienced diminished revenues due to COVID-19 but face ongoing non-deferrable costs, such as rent, utilities, insurance, taxes, and wages. With regard to the proposed ban on certain single-use plastics, these measures will be developed taking into account their economic impacts, including the cost of alternatives. Any proposed regulations would be accompanied by a comprehensive regulatory impact analysis statement that includes a cost-benefit analysis with estimates of the administrative burden on regulated entities and impacts to small businesses.

The Government of Canada has adopted a comprehensive approach to meet its target of zero plastic waste by 2030. Important aspects of the federal agenda include investing in research through Canada's Plastics Science Agenda (www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/science-technology/canada-science-plastic-agenda.html), innovation through the Canadian Plastics Innovation Challenges (<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/101.nsf/eng/00001.html>), and community action through the Zero Plastic Waste Initiative (www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/zero-plastic-waste-initiative.html). The Government of Canada is working in partnership with organizations and industries to develop solutions to reduce waste in the first place, and increase the recovery of waste plastics in the country. In collaboration with provinces and territories, the Government is also working to ensure producers are responsible for the waste their products generate. The aim is to work with all sectors of the economy (packaging, textiles, electronics, construction materials, vehicles and others) in order to keep plastics in the economy and out of the environment. You may follow these actions at www.canada.ca/zero-plastic-waste.

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I appreciate being made aware of the resolution of Port Moody City Council, and I extend my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Wilkinson', with a stylized, cursive script.

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.