

Excerpt from Tofino Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – Nov 7, 2006

Plastic Bag Tax

Councillor Shaw presented his proposal to the Committee and provided a sample of a biodegradable bag. He noted that re-usable bags would be even better to use. The Committee discussed how best to implement a plan of action. Councillor Strudwick advised that the Tofino Co-op Grocery Store sells reusable cloth shopping bags and has a drop-off bin for plastics bags at the front of the store.

Resolution No. CW-121-06

Moved by Councillors Anderson/Shaw that the Committee recommend to Council

THAT a letter be written to the Tofino Business Association and the Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce involving input on implementation of a Plastic Bag Program to reduce waste and costs at the landfill. CARRIED

Excerpt from Tofino Council Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2007

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Councillor Shaw requested that letter #31 from the Tofino Business Association dated December 12, 2006, regarding the proposed plastic bag tax be addressed. Councillor Shaw noted that Council should take a leadership role with this issue. He advised that he is willing to work with the TBA and the business community if Council supports the initiative. Council discussed the issue and agreed to await more responses from the community before responding to the TBA's letter.

Excerpt from Tofino Council Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2007

Letter from Steve Bernard, President, Tofino Business Association, re: Plastic Bag Program, dated December 12, 2006

Council members provided their opinions and suggestions regarding the Plastic Bag Program.

Steve Bernard suggested that the program not be let go completely. He advised that the TBA is starting a program to reduce plastics and they will keep the District up to date.

Resolution No. 72-07

Moved by Councillors Shaw/Tilitzky that the letter from Steve Bernard, President, Tofino Business Association, regarding a Plastic Bag Program, dated December 12, 2006, be received and filed. CARRIED