

MAKKOVIK INUIT COMMUNITY COUNCIL BYLAW

A Bylaw Respecting the Establishment of Single Use Plastic Shopping Bags

Whereas single use plastic shopping bags are a very visible component of litter throughout the community; and

Whereas single use plastic shopping bags have a negative impact on our wildlife habitat and are not environmentally friendly; and

Whereas, Makkovik Inuit Community Government, incurs a significant cost to clean up single use plastic shopping bags each year; and

Whereas, local businesses can reduce merchandise cost by not having to purchase single use plastic bags; and

Whereas by using a multi-use shopping bag, residents are reminded of the positive impact of recycling;

Therefore be it resolved that the Makkovik Inuit Community Government enact the following bylaw:

1. Makkovik will be free of single use plastic shopping bags effective May 29, 2015
2. Retailers in Makkovik will not be permitted to give away or sell plastic shopping bags that are intended for single use.
3. A retailer who contravenes this bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction of a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.
4. Where a contravention continues for more than one day, the person is guilty of a separate offense for each day it continues.
5. Enacted as a bylaw of the Makkovik Inuit Community Government, in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, Nunatsiavut, this 28th day of May 2015.
6. Exemptions to the bylaw includes small plastic bags that are used to store non-packaged goods such as:
 - a. Dairy products; and
 - b. Fruit, vegetables or nuts; and
 - c. Confectionary; and
 - d. Cooked foods, hot or cold; and
 - e. Ice;
 - f. Smaller bags for fresh meat, fish, candy and poultry;