

Charlotte Tavenor

From: Juanita Spencer
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:15 PM
To: Charlotte Tavenor; Dani Coffey
Subject: FW: Correspondence #59574 - Andrea Garrett - Biodegradable and Compostable Packaging

Hi Charlotte,

Can you please add the Minister's response to the next board package. I believe Dani has the original letter from the Regional Chairs to add as well.

Thanks
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From: Minister, Env <Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Regional Chairs <nsregionalchairs@gmail.com>
Cc: Juanita Spencer <jspencer@nsfm.ca>
Subject: Correspondence #59574 - Andrea Garrett - Biodegradable and Compostable Packaging

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September 11, 2023

Andrea Garrett
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Dear Andrea Garrett:

Thank you for your letter of August 9th, 2023, and request regarding the banning of biodegradable and compostable plastic-like packaging. We are currently consulting on a new solid waste strategy to grow our circular economy and reduce our waste disposal rate to 300 kg/person/year by 2030 which we committed to in

the *Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act*. Your concerns are relevant to that discussion, and I will share this with my team to ensure it is included for consideration. As a valued stakeholder, I also look forward to receiving additional input from the Solid Waste Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee (Regional Chairs) for our plan: [Circular economy and waste: engagement - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#).

In the meantime, I have instructed my team to reach out to Divert NS to discuss opportunities for further discussion on this issue.

Regarding compostable plastic-like packaging, I understand from my staff that challenges are being faced by municipalities across the country when it comes to managing this material. You might be aware that the federal government has consulted in the past on recycled content and labeling requirements for plastic-like biodegradable and compostable packaging and is planning further consultation this fall. I would recommend municipalities participate in these consultations to ensure your concerns are identified.

Thank you again for the important role Regional Chairs plays in diverting waste, mitigating climate change, and growing our circular economy in Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

c: Juanita Spencer, CEO, NS Federation of Municipalities

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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 10:04 AM

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To the Honourable Tim Halman,

Please find the attached correspondence from the Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee (Regional Chairs) on biodegradable and compostable packaging.

Sincerely,
Andrea Garrett

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