

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ERIKSDALE

BY-LAW 07/2008

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RM OF ERIKSDALE TO ELIMINATE SINGLE USE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS.

WHEREAS Single Use Plastic Shopping Bags are a very visible component of litter along the roadside and the nuisance ground;

AND WHEREAS Single Use Plastic Shopping Bags have a negative impact on our wildlife habitat and are not environmentally friendly;

AND WHEREAS the RM of Eriksdale incurs a significant cost to clean up the Single Use Plastic Shopping Bags each year;

AND WHEREAS local businesses can reduce merchandise cost by not having to purchase Single Use Plastic Shopping Bags;

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

NOW HEREOF BE IT RESOLVED that upon passing this By-Law, the Council of the RM of Eriksdale enacts as follows:

1. THAT the RM of Eriksdale will be Single Use Plastic Shopping Bag free effective JANUARY 1, 2009..
2. THAT retailers in the RM of Eriksdale will not be permitted to give away or sell plastic shopping bags that are intended for single use.
3. THAT a person who contravenes this By-Law of the RM of Eriksdale is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction of a fine of not more than \$1,000.00
4. THAT where a contravention continues for more than one day, the person is guilty of a separate offence for each day it continues.
5. THAT this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the passing thereof.

DONE AND PASSED as a By-Law of the RM of Eriksdale at Eriksdale, in the Province of Manitoba this **9th** day of **December** ,2008.

EXEMPTIONS TO THE BY-LAW

Small plastic bags that are used to store non-packaged goods such as: a) Dairy Products b) Fruit, vegetables or nuts c) Confectionery d) Cooked foods, hot or cold e) Ice f) Small bags for fresh meat, fish, candy and poultry g) Bags that cost more than \$1.50.

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Read a first time this **13th** day of **November, 2008**, A.D.

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Read a third time this **9th** day of **December, 2008**, A.D.