

AMS Zero Waste Food Ware Strategy Implementation Plan

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WHY THIS PLAN IS IMPORTANT

- UBC and the City of Vancouver are both heading in a similar direction
- Not only good for businesses, but good for everyone
- Encourages conversations surrounding sustainability and how we as consumers can make an impact

WHAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON



SINGLE USE DRINKING CUPS

Continue supporting the mugshare program and implementing a fee



SINGLE USE CUTLERY

Shifting to a compostable alternative and implementing a fee



SINGLE USE PLASTIC STRAWS

Making straws only available upon request and changing to paper



SINGLE USE FOOD CONTAINERS

Introduce a container sharing program and looking for alternative containers

WHAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON



SINGLE USE BAGS

Not giving out single use carry bags



RECYCLING BINS AND SIGNAGE

Updated training documents and ensuring proper signage at sorting stations



SINGLE USE FOOD WRAPS AND PASTRY BAGS

Switch to paper wraps and pastry bags

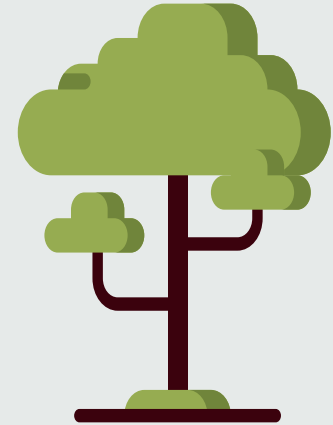
SINGLE USE DRINKING CUPS, INCLUDING COFFEE CUPS

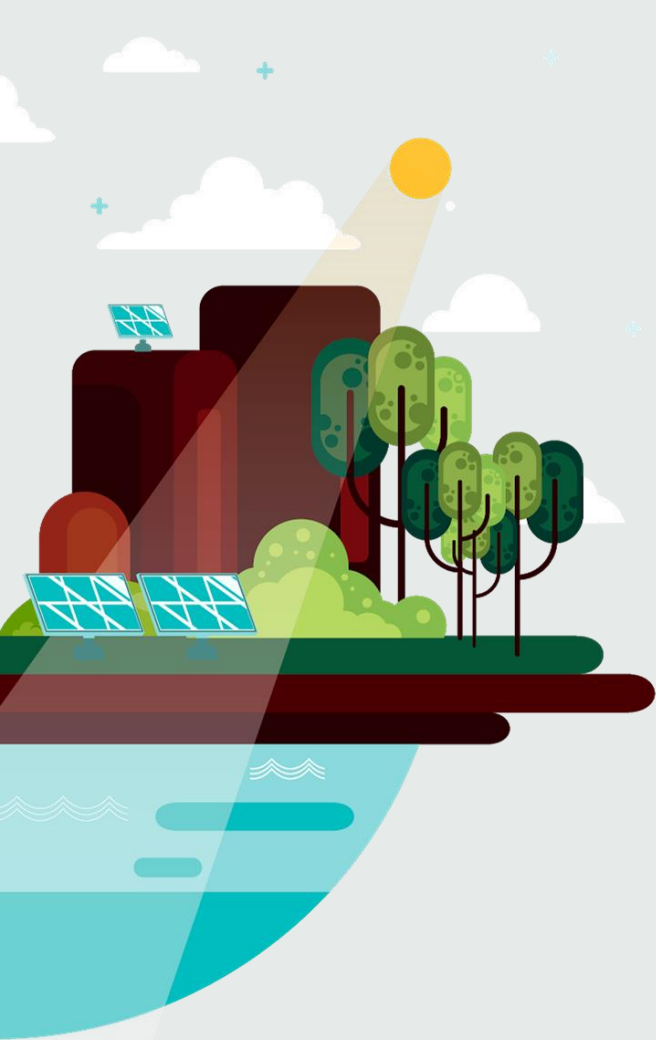
UBC Requirements

- A fee added to single use cups
- Active communication to customers
- No self-serve single use cups

AMS Implementation

- Current cups (recyclable) are acceptable for UBC
- Change POS system to include a fee on the display screen
- Active communication and marketing about fees and how to dispose of cups
- Continued support of the mugshare program





SINGLE USE CUTLERY

UBC Requirements

- Only provide cutlery on request, and an added fee
- Active communication to customers

AMS Implementation

- Currently using remaining plastic supply - switching to bamboo as it runs out
- Ensure for *Year 1 (2020)* that there is only bamboo (or other compostable alternative) available
- Implement a fee for *Year 2 (2021)*

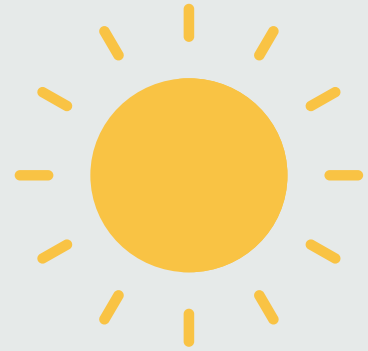
SINGLE USE PLASTIC STRAWS

UBC Requirements

- Do not offer plastic straws

AMS Implementation

- Currently switching over supply to paper straws
- Straws in Gallery available upon request and will be implementing this in all the outlets



SINGLE USE FOOD CONTAINERS

UBC Requirements

- Fee for single use containers
 - Must be certified compostable
- Active communication

AMS Implementation

- Switch over containers in Porch to compostable
 - Current containers in Honour Roll are acceptable for UBC
- Working on bringing Green2Go to the Nest
- Looking into health and safety code surrounding reusable containers
- Active communication to students surrounding proper sorting and if a fee will be implemented in *Year 2 (2021)*



SINGLE USE BAGS

UBC Requirements

- Do not give out single use carry bags
 - Paper okay with a fee
- Active communication

AMS Implementation

- Not currently applicable to the AMS
 - Will re-evaluate if things change



RECYCLING BINS & SIGNAGE

UBC Requirements

- BOH and FOH recycling bins and signage that aligns with the UBC Recycling Guideline as appropriate for your business
- Provide training for all staff members on recycling, single use item policies, and waste sorting procedures

AMS Implementation

- Ensure appropriate bins in all BOH and FOH
- Improved signage at sorting stations
- Update training documents
 - Train existing and new staff on guidelines
- New ChopValue chopstick collection bins



SINGLE USE FOOD WRAPS & PASTRY BAGS



UBC Requirements

- UBC does not currently have a policy on this

AMS Implementation

- Switch over aluminum wraps in Porch and Iwana Taco to paper
- Ensure active communication to students of these changes and how to properly dispose of them

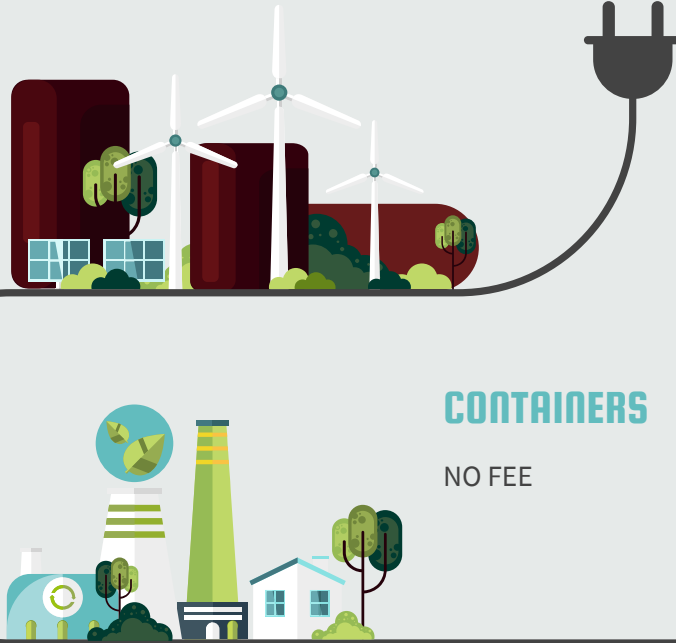
YEAR I (2020) FEES

CUPS

\$0.25 FEE (mandatory
January 2020). *Sep 2019:
\$0.15 fee

CUTLERY

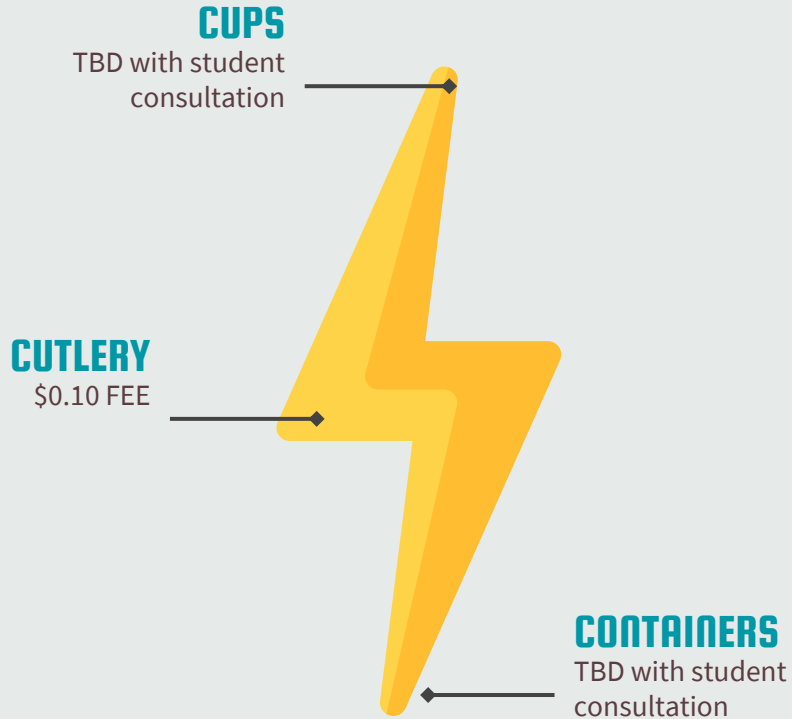
NO FEE



CONTAINERS

NO FEE

YEAR 2 (2021) FEES



Analysis



- Mostly in line with the UBC Zero Waste Food Ware Strategy
- Will be going at the pace and financial restrictions of the AMS
- Financial concerns
 - Potential to see a decrease in profits or usage of outlets after fee implementation - will monitor this
 - Use revenue from fees to subsidize the cost of alternatives
- Partnership
 - UBC Student Housing & Hospitality Services' Purchasing Department
- Marketing campaign
 - Cannot guarantee that students will be as diligent with sorting in the nest
- The AMS would become one of the first student unions in Canada to implement a zero waste food ware strategy

AMS Events and Next C&C

Although two very important departments within the AMS, the Zero Waste Food Ware Strategy is **intended for primary use in the AMS food outlets**. We intend to meet with the AMS Events and AMS Catering & Conferences teams to discuss the best plan of action to implement zero waste practices within these respective departments.



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Does anyone have any questions?

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