

CFUW Response to Resolution

Resolution #1 - SINGLE USE PLASTICS AND PLASTIC PACKAGING

Although this resolution deals with issues that are extremely important, we vote to reject this resolution.

The Resolutions are long and make many requests of different levels of government: expedite, expand, implement, fund and use incentives. Many specific examples of single use plastics are given, but the list is not inclusive. Notable omissions are water bottles and packaging; although, packaging is named in the title of the Resolution. The Resolutions give no clear statement as to what is to be accomplished. No time lines are indicated for the action.

In the Background information, the Resolutions are not discussed equally and information is included which is not included in the Resolutions. Labelling was discussed at length, even though the reference in the Resolution was to plastic labels, not the information found on the labels. It was difficult to relate the Background information to the Resolutions.

The Canadian Government websites listed in the Bibliography were valuable to the discussion of the Resolutions, but others were not suitable. One website requested signatures to a petition; a second, belonged to a company selling a product of recycled plastic; a third, offered a grant for research to study plastic recycling. One website had already been removed.

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