



Proclamation
Let's free where we live from single use plastic
April 22 is Plastic Free Day!

WHEREAS 320,000,000 tonnes of plastic was generated globally in 2016 and is set to double by 2034; and

WHEREAS single use bottled water is many times more expensive than tap water; and

WHEREAS the manufacture of one single plastic bottle for water requires 3L of water; and

WHEREAS less than 5% of plastic bottles world-wide are recycled; and

WHEREAS resource extraction, packaging and distribution creates pollution, climate change impacts and consumes resources such as oil; and

WHEREAS County public water is tested and readily available throughout much of PEC; and

WHEREAS per square km of the Great Lakes there are over 400,000 bits of plastic.

It's not about removing all plastic from our lives. It's about kicking our addiction to avoidable single-use plastic, and changing the system that produces it.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22 as PEC Plastic Free day in the County of Prince Edward. I urge all members of our community to become more educated and aware of the far reaching negative effects of single use plastic and encourage all businesses and community members to commit to reducing single use plastics, particularly bottled water, not only on this day, but every day going forward.

DATED at Picton this 12th day of April, 2019

Mayor Steve Ferguson
