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Bylaw for reducing single-use plastic bags in the municipalities of Shediac, Cap-Pelé, and Beaubassin-est

The mayors of three municipalities in southeastern New Brunswick announced a new regulation to eliminate plastic bags used for shopping and distributed in retail stores. More specifically, bags made of plastic, including biodegradable or compostable plastic. The latter still have important impacts on our ecosystems given the time it takes for them to decompose.

The adoption of this new bylaw, which provides an adjustment period until December 31, 2020, marks a new step towards the sustainable development of the region. This initiative is also part of the Ecovision2025 strategy, which sets out actions to ensure a healthy environment and a high quality of life for the citizens of the Shediac, Cap-Pelé, and Beaubassin-est region.

To reduce waste at the source, the use of reusable bags is encouraged. It should be noted that despite this new regulation, some bags, such as thin bags for fruits and vegetables, frozen food, medicines, cleaning clothes, car tires and those used to collect animal waste, are not targeted. A complete list of bags that will be allowed can be found in the section that mentions exceptions to the bylaw on the websites of the three municipalities.

Between now and the coming into force of the bylaw on January 1, 2021, the three municipalities will hold awareness-raising activities and materials to inform citizens and merchants of the terms and conditions of the new bylaw and alternatives to lightweight plastic shopping bags. The involvement and participation of citizens and businesses will be crucial to the success of this eco-responsible initiative set up for the well-being of citizens and the environment.

You can view the bylaw by visiting the websites of the three municipalities at the following addresses: www.shediac.ca / www.cap-pele.com / www.beaubassinest.ca.

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