



## **EPI's Biodegradable Plastic Bags Offer Alternative to Ban**

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**Vancouver** – EPI Environmental Technologies Inc., a Vancouver-based company that licenses its oxobiodegradable plastic additive technology globally, says making plastic bags biodegradable is a more practical, effective and economic way to manage plastic waste than just banning plastic bags. EPI technology is used to make a wide range of plastic products biodegradable, including garbage bags, produce bags, cutlery and tableware, food packaging, cling film and shrink wrap.

“The information about plastic bags in Councillor Stevenson’s motion to ban them is inaccurate,” said Joseph G. Gho, CEO of EPI. “We have independent scientific evidence and tests that verify plastic bags made with our *Totally Degradable Plastic Additives* (TDPA®) causes conventional plastics to degrade in a controlled manner and depending on the type of plastic, ultimately biodegrade,” added Gho.

EPI Technologies’ licensed manufacturers have been selling biodegradable plastic bags for several years to major end users including Wal-Mart (US), T&T (Canada), Thrifty Foods (Canada), Tesco (UK), Co-Op Group(UK), Co-op Italia (Italy), Auchan (France), The Body Shop (Worldwide), Roots (US), Chapters/Indigo/Coles (US), Exito (Colombia), Wong (Peru), and 7 Eleven (Asia).

Plastic bags using TDPA® have recently been tested by RECYC- QUÉBEC, a Québec government agency and found to be fully compatible with the recycling stream.

“Making plastic bags biodegradable is a proven, easy to use and cost effective solution, in addition to reuse and recycling, to reducing the amount of plastic waste, said Gho. “Calls for extreme measures, such as a ban on plastic bags are simplistic that fail to address genuine problems and cause significant unintended consequences for people, the economy and the environment,” stated Gho.

EPI Environmental Technologies Inc. is a pioneer in innovative environmental technologies centered on the plastic and waste management industries. EPI's proprietary oxobiodegradable plastic additive technology, *Totally Degradable Plastic Additives* (TDPA®), its flagship product, causes conventional plastics to degrade in a controlled manner (and depending on the type of plastic, ultimately biodegrade) when added to the plastic products' manufacturing process. EPI, headquartered in Vancouver, BC, Canada, operates through its subsidiary companies in the USA, Canada and the United Kingdom.

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