

JOHN TORY
MAYOR

Proclamation

**Circular Economy Month
October 2022**

WHEREAS our world is made up of limited resources and it is continually at risk due to the climate crisis. We can move away from linear economies where resources are extracted, products are made, used and consumed, and waste occurs, through circular economies. Circular economies encourage the manufacturing of goods that can be reused and reintroduced into product and material designs as multiple use products.

The themes for this year's first ever Circular Economy Month across Canada highlight key areas in our economy that produce significant amounts of waste including: textiles, electronic waste, plastics, and food.

Transitioning to a circular economy will play a key role in building a resilient, inclusive, green, and prosperous future for Toronto residents and businesses. The City is working to incorporate circular economy principles into the design and delivery of our programs and services. The City's Long Term Waste Management Strategy prioritizes waste reduction, minimizing the amount of waste sent to landfills, and includes reuse and recycling activities that promote resource conservation and reduce environmental impacts. The Waste Strategy also emphasizes the importance of community engagement and encourages the reduction and prevention of waste, maximizing its value before disposal and supporting the shift towards a circular economy.

Every year, the City of Toronto manages close to 900,000 tonnes of waste. At the City, we have adopted the aspirational goal of a zero waste future and of making Toronto the first city in Ontario with a circular economy. The next step in the City's circular economy journey is the development of a Circular Economy Road Map, which will recommend actions that various stakeholders can take to transition to a circular economy.

We all play an important role in promoting waste reduction and in the move towards a circular economy. Communities, businesses and organizations across Canada have committed to working together to raise awareness of the need to reduce, reuse and prevent waste during Circular Economy Month.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 2022** as "**Circular Economy Month**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

