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Subject: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Resolution re Bottled Water

Please find attached a resolution from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville regarding Bottled Water.

Regards,



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April 30, 2019

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 200 University Ave., Suite 801 Toronto, ON M5H 3C6

RE: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Motion, re: Bottled Water

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on April 16, 2019, and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS water is essential for human life to exist on earth, and access to clean drinkable water should be a basic human right, and water has been commodified by the sale of bottled water; and

WHEREAS Canada is a participant to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change; and

WHEREAS the United Nations has called on all countries to reduce green house gas emissions; and

WHEREAS single use plastics are significant items of unnecessary waste that damage our environment; and

WHEREAS Canada as a country and all of the provinces and territories are not likely to reach our targets to reduce green house gas emissions by 2030; and

WHEREAS many scientists and environmental advocates are asking us to end the fossil fuel based economy as soon as possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will undertake a review/audit in 2019 of the Town facilities to identify areas where the use of municipal water can be further optimized and the use of bottled water can be reduced or eliminated wherever possible; and

That a policy be developed to promote the use of municipal drinking water in the Town; and

That the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will encourage our immediate neighbours to do the same; and



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That the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will forward this motion as an aspirational objective to the following partners: All municipalities in York Region, AMO, Premier of Ontario and the Prime Minister and the leaders of all Provincial and Federal Parties in Canada with the request that they enact legislation to do the same.

Carried

Yours truly,

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cc: York Region Municipalities