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Windsor, Ontario February 17, 2015

REPORT NO. 248 of the
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held January 21, 2015

Present: Councillor P. Borrelli
Councillor F. Francis
Councillor C. Holt
Councillor H. Payne

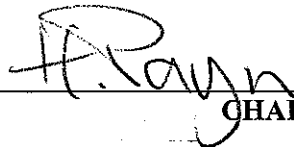
Regrets: Councillor B. Marra

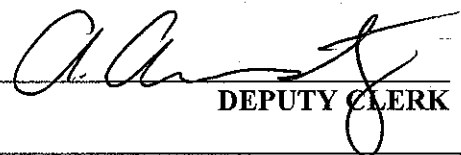
That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

Moved by Councillor Holt, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,
THAT the updated Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy **BE RECEIVED**
by City Council.
Carried.

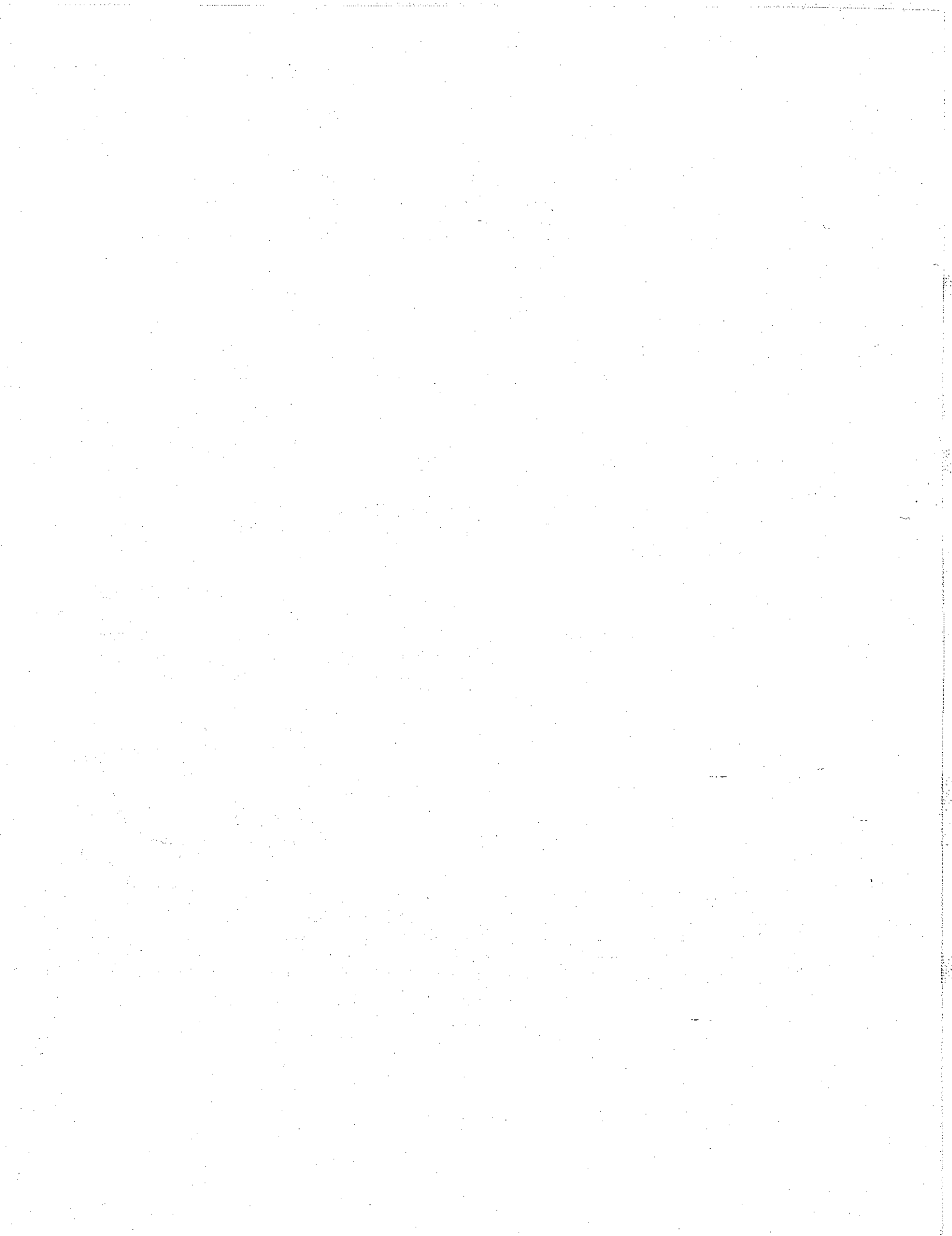
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Clerk's Note: The administrative report authored by the Environment & Sustainability Coordinator dated December 3, 2014 entitled "Update to the Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy" is attached as background information.


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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee -
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MISSION STATEMENT:

"Our City is built on relationships – between citizens and their government, businesses and public institutions, city and region – all interconnected, mutually supportive, and focused on the brightest future we can create together."

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To: Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee

Subject: Update to the Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: Ward(s): _____

THAT the updated Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy **BE RECEIVED** by City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

On July 22nd 2008 the City of Windsor approved the Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy with the goal to reduce or minimize bottled water use at city facilities.

Municipal drinking water is significantly more cost effective and has a lower environmental impact than bottled water. As a municipality, we want to encourage consumption of municipal tap water as a healthy, affordable, environmentally conscious alternative to bottled water.

3. DISCUSSION:

Since the adoption of the Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy, pitchers of water and glasses are provided during Council meetings and at many City of Windsor facilities upon request. In addition, the City of Windsor has purchased a mobile water truck. The "Hydration Station" is available for rent for City of Windsor events as well as private events, and the process and expectations regarding the Hydration Station are now included in the policy.

The City of Windsor has also joined Blue W, a community-based program providing mapped details on where to find clean, free public and commercial sources to fill your reusable bottle without compelling you to make additional purchases. This is also reflected in the updated policy.

To meet current health regulations while remaining economical, the policy requests that, where possible, all new and redeveloped washroom facilities in parks are constructed with an adequate number of water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations;

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

Resource Risk:

Implementation of this program does not require additional funding from the City. The departments involved have adequate resources to implement the program. A fee will be collected for the delivery, set up and take down of the Hydration Station at all events to cover costs. This risk is considered unlikely to occur and of low impact.

Timing Risk:

As per the Policy Review Procedure, this policy is due for a review. This risk is considered unlikely to occur and of low impact.

Cross-Corporate Impact Risk:

Members of various departments involved in implementing this policy are aware of the policy and in many cases are already working to implement it. This risk is considered unlikely to occur and of low impact.

Community Impact Risk:

The public is becoming more aware of the economic and environmental costs associated with bottled water. This risk is considered unlikely to occur and of low impact.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Environmental Master Plan's promotion and education budget will be used to promote the City of Windsor's role in the Blue W campaign.

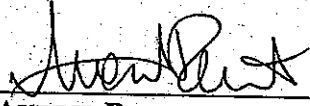
City departments using the Hydration Station for their events will compensate the Recreation & Culture department for the delivery, set up and take down of the Hydration Station.

6. CONSULTATIONS:


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7. CONCLUSION:

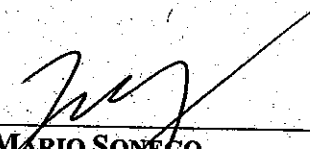
In conclusion, the update to the Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy has been completed. Changes to the policy will strengthen and continue to advocate for municipal tap water availability and consumption by the public and municipal staff.



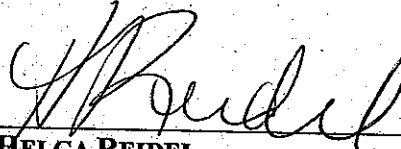
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APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Promotion of Municipal Tap Water Policy

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

POLICY

Service Area:	Office of the City Engineer	Policy No.:	
Department:	Pollution Control	Approval Date:	
Division:		Approved By:	
		Effective Date:	
Subject:	Policy to Promote the Use of Municipal Tap Water	Procedure Ref.:	
Review Date:	January 2020	Pages:	Replaces:
Prepared By:	Environment & Sustainability Coordinator		Date:

1 POLICY

1.1 This policy is to encourage the use, availability and promotion of municipal tap water at all City facilities and events.

2 PURPOSE

2.1 Municipal drinking water is significantly more cost effective and has a lower environmental impact than bottled water. As a municipality, we want to encourage consumption of municipal tap water as a healthy, affordable, environmentally conscious alternative to bottled water.

3 SCOPE

3.1 This policy applies to all City of Windsor employees, elected officials, municipal buildings and events.

3.2 This policy will not apply under the following circumstances:

- 3.2.1 Boil water advisories;
- 3.2.2 Heat advisory days; and
- 3.2.3 In areas with inadequate access to municipal water.

4 RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 All City of Windsor Departments

4.1.1 Schedule the Hydration Station for all city run outdoor events where necessary.

4.2 Environmental Master Plan Office

4.2.1 Promote awareness on the benefits of municipal tap water to staff as well as to the public;

4.2.2 Promote participation in the Blue W program to community partners and other organizations;

4.3 Facilities

- 4.3.1** Review the accessibility and availability of water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations in all municipal buildings as necessary;
- 4.3.2** Provide clean water pitchers and glasses for use at meetings as requested.

4.4 Corporate Projects

- 4.4.1** Ensure all new municipal buildings are constructed with adequate water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations.

4.5 Parks

- 4.5.1** Ensure proper maintenance of the Hydration Station;
- 4.5.2** Deliver the Hydration Station to and from events as requested;
- 4.5.3** Ensure proper maintenance of all outdoor water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations;
- 4.5.4** Ensure, where possible, all new and redeveloped washroom facilities in parks are constructed with an adequate number of water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations;

4.6 Recreation

- 4.6.1** Ensure all municipally operated concession stands and food outlets on city property are able to distribute tap water or fill up personal water bottles upon request;
- 4.6.2** Promote the Hydration Station to private event holders;
- 4.6.3** Discourage the use of bottled water at private events being held on city property.

5 GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS

5.1 Blue W Campaign

- 5.1.1** Ensure that all City of Windsor buildings and agencies that are accessible to the public participate in the program.

5.2 Municipal Tap Water – Outdoor City Facilities

- 5.2.1** Water fountains with water bottle re-fill spouts will be incorporated into the design or redevelopment of washroom facilities in city parks, where possible;
- 5.2.2** Proper maintenance shall be conducted on all outdoor water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations.

5.3 Municipal Tap Water – Indoor City Facilities

- 5.3.1** All new municipal buildings will be designed and constructed with an adequate number of water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations;
- 5.3.2** All municipally operated concessions stands and food outlets on city property shall be able to distribute tap water or fill up personal water bottles upon request;
- 5.3.3** The accessibility and availability of water fountains and water bottle re-fill stations in all municipal buildings will be reviewed as necessary.

5.4 City of Windsor Events

5.4.1 The Hydration Station shall be used for all city run outdoor events to provide access to municipal tap water where it might otherwise be limited, where necessary.

5.5 Private Events

5.5.1 Activities or events that require access to bottled water as part of contractual or hosting agreements are permitted however the use of tap water will be strongly encouraged;

5.5.2 The use of bottled water at private events being held on city property will be discouraged;

5.5.3 The Hydration Station will be promoted to private event holders as an option to provide access to municipal tap water.

5.6 Definitions:

5.6.1 City: defined as The Corporation of the City of Windsor, or its representatives.

5.6.2 Parks: The City of Windsor Parks & Facilities department.

5.6.3 Hydration Station: The City of Windsor's mobile water truck which can be used at events to provide access to municipal drinking water.

5.6.4 Blue W: A community-based program providing mapped details on where to find clean, free public and commercial sources to fill your reusable bottle without compelling you to make additional purchases. In May 2012 City Council endorsed the Blue W program as a way to promote the use of municipal tap water and encouraged all City of Windsor buildings and agencies that are accessible to the public to participate in the program.

6 RECORDS, FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

6.1 Hydration Station agreements will be filed and retained by the Recreation department.

6.2 Municipal buildings participating in the Blue W program will be filed and retained by the Environmental Master Plan Office.