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I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on August 18, 2008 resolved:

6. That, on the recommendation of the Acting General Manager of Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the purchase and sale of single-use bottled water at City facilities:

(a) Municipal Council **APPROVE** a resolution stating the following:

**WHEREAS** The Corporation of the City of London operates and maintains a highly regulated and sophisticated water distribution system that meets some of the most stringent water quality requirements in the world;

**WHEREAS** the regulatory requirements for monitoring water quality contained in bottled water are not as stringent as those that must be met by The Corporation of the City of London;

**WHEREAS** The Corporation of the City of London delivers water to its residents and businesses that translates, on average, to about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a cent per litre;

**WHEREAS** single-use bottled water sold in London is 230 to 3,000 times more expensive than water from the tap in London, even though estimates suggest that between 10% and 25% of the bottled water originates from municipal water systems;

**WHEREAS** resource extraction, packaging and distribution of single-use bottled water creates unnecessary air quality and climate change impacts and consumes unnecessary resources such as oil in the manufacture of plastic bottles and in the fuel used in the transportation of bottled water to the consumer;

**WHEREAS** single-use plastic bottles, although easily recycled through the City of London recycling program, approximately 60 percent are captured in the Blue Box Program and the rest end up in the garbage bag and ultimately delivered to the City's landfill site taking up unnecessary space without any further contribution to society;

**WHEREAS** single-use plastic bottles that are not recycled in the Blue Box Program or placed in the garbage become litter in London's streets, parks and boulevards;

**WHEREAS** the cost of managing single-use plastic bottles along with other recyclable materials in the Blue Box program, after material revenue has been removed, is currently 35% paid by industry stewards and 65% paid by London taxpayers and when the single-use plastic bottles and other recyclable materials are sent to landfill industry stewards do not pay any of the costs;

**WHEREAS** City of London tap water is safe, healthy and accessible to Londoners and visitors, and substantially more environmentally sustainable than single-use bottled water;

**WHEREAS** City of London tap water is readily available at most indoor public facilities, either in the form of a faucet in a bathroom or drinking fountain and, where it is not readily available a plan be put in motion to increase access to municipal water subject to water quality and safety requirements, budget and other considerations;

**WHEREAS** a priority of London Municipal Council remains that where easy access to municipal tap water does not exist, the availability of bottled water is a very appropriate alternative;

**WHEREAS** the City Council wishes to set a positive example to the London community on environmental matters;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) single-use bottled water will no longer be sold in the City Hall cafeteria, from City-owned or City-administered concessions and vending machines in public facilities where easy access to municipal tap water exists;
- (ii) single-use bottled water will no longer be purchased and provided at meetings where easy access to municipal tap water exists;
- (iii) the availability of water jugs with municipal tap water will be increased, where required;
- (iv) a City staff and public awareness campaign be developed to support the rationale for these important changes, including the need for Londoners to do their part; and
- (v) the following implementation schedule be followed, subject to an assessment that tap water is readily accessible at these locations:

Phase	Locations/Equipment/Item	Target Implementation Dates
1	• City Hall Cafeteria	September 1, 2008



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Hall Catering Services</li> <li>• Market Tower Building</li> <li>• A J Tyler Building</li> </ul>	
2	Vending Machines and Contracted Food Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• various locations including arenas and community centres</li> </ul>	To be determined (this may be phased in during 2008 and 2009)
3a	Municipal Drinking Water Awareness Strategy	To be determined – late 2008 or early 2009 is current target
3b	1 <sup>st</sup> Update Report to ETC	To be determined – late 2008 or early 2009 is current target
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golf Courses</li> <li>• Storybook Gardens</li> <li>• any City-operated concessions</li> </ul>	Spring 2009
5	2 <sup>st</sup> Update Report to ETC	September 2009

- (b) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to form a working group with officials from the Middlesex-London Health Unit to ensure that progress is examined from different perspectives including health, safety, environmental, operational and financial;
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to update the details in the report titled “*Environmental Statement on the Need to Reduce Consumption of Single-use Bottled Water*” to ensure that new information from industry has been included in the document and that the revised document be the one made publicly available;
- (d) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to ensure that the future Municipal Drinking Water Awareness Strategy includes the cost and maintenance of public water fountains and refill stations and related infrastructure requirements;
- (e) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to include a specific section in the upcoming discussions on maximizing waste diversion that focuses on litter prevention and recycling, noting that improvements in these areas must come from partnerships across all sectors including local government, businesses and the community or taxes;
- (f) Boards and Commissions **BE ASKED** to review their bottled water practices with a view to reducing the use of single-use bottled water;
- (g) the Civic Administration **BE ASKED** to ensure that the appropriate signage is posted to identify the location of water fountains; and
- (h) the City Solicitor **BE ASKED** to review whether or not the City of London has the jurisdiction to ask the John Labatt Centre to not sell single-use bottled water;

it being noted that the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) reviewed and received written communications from the following individuals with respect to this matter:

- a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on June 9, 2008;
- a report dated August 11, 2008 from the Acting General Manager of Environmental and Engineering Services & City Engineer;
- a communication dated June 9, 2008 from A. Innes, Financial Analyst, Columbia Sportswear Canada, Inc.;
- a communication dated June 9, 2008 from R. Guthrie;

- a communication dated July 30, 2008 from T. Rutten;
- a communication dated July 30, 2008 from R. Bird, Water Protection Committee, Council of Canadians, London Chapter;
- a communication dated August 11, 2008 from J. Reffle, Director, Environmental Health and Chronic Disease Prevention Services; and
- the attached communication dated August 11, 2008 from K. Sawchuck, Chair, Health Protection Committee, Council of Canadians, London Chapter;

it being also noted that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the following individuals made an oral submission in connection therewith:

- T. Rutten, 25-589 Talbot Street – expressing support for the recommendation; praising London for being part of a grassroots initiative; indicating that municipal water must meet higher standards than bottled water; encouraging the City to look at banning bottled water at all of its facilities; advising that London should not be in the business of promoting bottled water; advising that it would help London reach the Provincial standard of 60% waste diversion;
- J. Sherwood, Refreshments Canada – see attached presentation;
- G. Cosman, President, Nestle Waters Canada – see attached presentation;
- K. Lomack, 25 Beattie Avenue – see attached presentation;
- M. MacDonald, Waste Free World – see attached presentation;
- R. Bird, Council of Canadians, London Chapter – see attached presentation;
- E. Griswold, Executive Director, Canadian Bottled Water Association – advising that the Canadian Bottled Water Association has never said that London tap water is not safe and that they don't advertise against tap water; advising that when the Town of Walkerton had a tap water contamination, that their Association donated 1.5 million litres of water and they also donated 200,000 litres of water to Vancouver when it experienced flooding; and enquiring as to why people should purchase any beverages at City facilities when tap water is available;

it being pointed out that the ETC did not hear presentations from J. Chaliner, Nestle Waters Canada and M. Walker. (2008-W13-00) (6/13/ETC)



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