

# **CITY OF QUINTE WEST**

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***Via Email***

## **RE: Resolution – Bottled Water**

Dear: Government Organizations,

Please be advised that the Council for the Corporation of the City of Quinte West passed the following resolution at its meeting held on March 4, 2019:

### **Motion No. 19-058 – Notice of Motion – Councillor Cassidy**

Moved by Cassidy

Seconded by Kuntze

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;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West has undertaken initiatives to limit the use of bottled water and promote the use of municipal drinking water in recent years;

Be it resolved that the City of Quinte West will undertake a review/audit in 2019 of the City 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 further that a policy be developed to promote the use of municipal drinking water in the City;

And further be it resolved that the City of Quinte West will encourage our immediate neighbours to do the same;

And further be it resolved that the City of Quinte West will forward this motion as an aspirational objective to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario, AMO, all other similar provincial and territorial organizations in Canada, all Premiers 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**

We hope that you will take such actions into consideration within your own organization in an effort to reduce bottled water usage and promote the use of municipal water.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Harrison", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jim Harrison,  
Mayor