

## Legislation Text

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### **POSSIBILITY OF A REQUIREMENT FOR A DEPOSIT ON PLASTIC BOTTLES**

S. Brunet, Manager of Environmental Operations and T. Quann-Strasser, Supervisor of Water Diversion provided a presentation regarding the City of Barrie's waste diversion program and plastic bottles.

Ms. Brunet and Ms. Quann-Strasser discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The story of the water bottle;
- An overview of waste diversion associated to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover;
- The City's objective to achieve zero waste and zero greenhouse gas emissions from waste;
- The City's view on plastic water bottles associate to the Blue Box Program;
- Information on Stewardship Ontario (SO) and how it contributes to the Blue Box Program;
- Flowcharts illustrating the current collection schematics associated with grey and blue boxes, garbage, green bin organics and yard waste;
- The history from 1970 to 2016 regarding the use and recycling of beverage bottles;
- A flowchart illustrating the changing landscape of the legislation for a waste-free Ontario;
- The options municipalities can consider with recent changes in legislation associated to waste diversion;
- The current and future state of the City's mandatory and voluntary waste diversion programs; and
- A review of the Deposit Return Systems (DRS).

P. Bursztyn, provided an article from the New Scientist magazine dated May 19, 2018. The article was written by Aisling Irwin entitled "How to Solve a Problem like Plastics".

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions of the presenters and received responses.