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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Bottled Water

MOVER: Councillor Tim Stevenson
SECONDER: Councillor Heather Deal

WHEREAS 80% of waste from plastic bottles end up in landfills;

WHEREAS the delivery of bottled water burns substantially more fossil fuel than tap water;

WHEREAS the manufacturing of plastic bottles generates 100 times the toxic emissions that are produced in the manufacturing of glass bottles;

WHEREAS the removal of water for bottling is not an environmentally sustainable practice, as the water is withdrawn from its source but is not returned to its local ecosystem;

WHEREAS bottled water is not required to meet the same health standards as municipally provided water;

WHEREAS the Drinking Water Management Plan, which dictates the Metro Vancouver's Drinking water initiatives, makes sure that our water is delivered in an environmentally sustainable way that maintains a healthy watershed ecosystem;

WHEREAS the city has to pay several times more for bottled water than it does for tap water;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor, in his inaugural speech, declared that one of his priorities was to make the city a leader in the development of sustainable social and environmental legacies leading up to and beyond 2010;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff provide a memo to council on eliminating bottled water being sold to/available from all city departments and services;
- B. The city use a small portion of the money saved to invest in reusable water containers for employee use;
- C. Council, in collaboration with Metro Vancouver, work to promote awareness about the environmental and health benefits of tap water over bottled water.

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