

Supports Item No. 4
P&E Committee Agenda
April 23, 2009

4. Bottled Water in Civic Facilities

At its April 23, 2009 City Services and Budgets Committee meeting, Vancouver City Council heard from speakers on this matter and referred debate and decision on the following motion to the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver adopt Metro Vancouver's Tap Water Declaration and immediately eliminate the Civic purchase of single serving sized bottled water for Staff and delegation consumption, and substitute with tap water options.
- B. THAT staff incorporate access to municipal drinking water into designs for new civic facilities and those scheduled for renovation, such as City Hall and Crossroads at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Source of funds to be the 2009 Facilities Capital Budget, subject to approval of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.
- C. THAT staff pilot options for year-round access to municipal drinking water in outdoor public spaces at an estimated cost of \$35,000. Source of funds to be a reallocation of \$5,000 from the 2009 Waterworks Operating budget and \$30,000 from the 2009 Waterworks Capital Budget, subject to approval of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.
- D. THAT Council forward A, B and C above to the Board of Parks and Recreation, PNE Board, Library Board, and Police Board for their consideration.
- E. THAT staff report back on options that will promote access to municipal drinking water in all new buildings.
- F. THAT staff prepare an inventory of existing public access options (e.g. fountains) to municipal drinking water supplies across the City and develop a plan that prioritizes the installation and activation of public access options taking into account the unique needs of each neighbourhood; and

FURTHER THAT staff also identify venues where less healthy beverages will be sold in place of bottled water and make recommendations on strategies to ensure drinking water remains available in those venues.

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