

**REPORT NO. 4 OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL, MAY 5, 2009**

- ii. Unflavoured bottled water no longer be sold in any City owned community centre upon the expiration of contract RFP07-050 on August 31, 2010;
- iii. Upon the opening of the new Civic Centre cafeteria, unflavoured bottled water not be sold in the new Civic Centre;
- iv. The Building & Facilities Department continue with their ongoing program of installing refrigerated drinking fountains, complete with water bottle filling spouts, in all municipal buildings to promote the consumption of municipal tap water;
- iv. The use of the stand-alone water coolers that are not connected to a municipal water supply, be removed from all municipal buildings no later than June 1, 2009, unless potable water is not available in that particular building; and,
- iv. That all City employees be provided with a stainless steel refillable water bottle to promote the consumption of municipal tap water, funded through reduced operating budget expenditures for contracted bottled water supply.

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Council adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the municipalities across Ontario are in the business of supplying safe, tested, and economical drinking water to its residents and businesses; and,

Whereas the cost for bottled water can be 240 – 3,000 times the price of municipal tap water; and,

Whereas approximately 40% of all single use plastic water bottles end up in landfill, and are not recycled through blue box programs; and

Whereas a significant amount of roadside litter is often found to be single use plastic bottles; and

Whereas the fossil fuels used to generate the millions of single use plastic bottles has significant environmental and resource depletion impacts; and

Whereas the Province has already set a precedent by requiring a deposit return system be implemented for glass wine and spirit bottles;

Therefore, be it resolved that

1. The Province of Ontario be formally requested to require all manufacturers and producers of products using single use polyethylene terephthalate (PET), and other types of plastic bottles, to implement a deposit return system for all such products;

2. That upon the implementation of such a deposit return system, the Province amend Regulation 101/94 such that single use (PET), and other types of single use plastic bottles, be specifically identified as a product that is not required to be collected in municipal blue box collection programs in Ontario;

3. That the City Clerk circulate this resolution through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), seeking their support for such a deposit return system to be implemented.

4. That such a deposit return system be implemented no later than January 1, 2011.

**3 UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN
DRAFT PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND PLANS FOR THE APRIL 21, 2009 LAUNCH EVENT**

The Environment Committee recommends that the verbal reports of the Manager of Corporate Policy and the Manager of Corporate Communications, be received.

**4 PRESENTATION – MR. KEITH DAVID BENJAMIN,
WATCHORN ARCHITECT INC./BTW GROUP, WITH RESPECT TO
ASPEN RIDGE RESIDENTIAL HOME PROJECT
INCORPORATING PASSIVE ENERGY PRINCIPLES**

The Environment Committee recommends that the presentation by Mr. Keith David Benjamin, Associate and Director of Architecture, Watchorn Architect Inc./MBTW Group, 255 Wicksteed Ave., Unit 1A, Toronto, M4H 1G8, be received.



The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair