

Ref: 2008-MM24.9

September 30, 2008

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on September 24 and 25, 2008, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

MM24.9 Requesting a Ban of Water Bottle Sales on City Property
Moved by Councillor Del Grande, seconded by Councillor Di Giorgio

SUMMARY:

The City is trying to be a leader in the green movement.

Bottled water is seen as an unnecessary product that produces a significant amount of waste.

The City has already passed a motion that bottled water should not be used in Council and Committee meetings, as well as other City meetings.

Toronto's Municipal water system is constantly inspected and tested and the water is of high quality, which means there is no need to waste resources shipping bottles to consumers in Toronto.

London, Ontario is moving in this direction as well as other Cities like, Kitchener, Charlottetown, St. John's, Vancouver, Nelson, B.C., as well as the Ottawa and Toronto Public School Boards.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the City of Toronto ban water bottle sales on City Property.
2. That the City undertake, with Parks and Recreation, Facility Services and Waste/Water Divisions, to provide improvements and availability of tap water.
3. That the ban occur where the City improves its tap water availability.

Council also considered a Fiscal Impact Statement (September 25, 2008) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

for City Clerk

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Attach.