

**Margaret Sexton - FW: Board of Health Item #HL33.3**

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**RE: Board of Health Item #HL33.3  
Notice of Motion Item #MM55.48**

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Over the years it has become harder and harder to run a convenience store in Toronto. There is increased competition, increased government restrictions and increased and growing costs. These challenges have made it a difficult marketplace for our members. The last thing our members need is further needless restrictions on our ability to sell a legal product that has already been reviewed by the experts at Health Canada. ***Our members have and continue to sell all manner of caffeinated beverages - from coffee to cola - responsibly.***

We are also upset that our members are finding out about such significant decisions at the last minute and with no opportunity to provide input and comment. Why would Toronto City Council consider taking such a drastic decision without ensuring that those most affected be given a chance to be consulted. We don't believe that this is how decisions should be made. Therefore, we believe these motions should be defeated and we strongly urge you to stop making any decisions on any matters related to the restriction of the sale of energy drinks or any other legal products sold in our stores without the proper research and the proper level of consultation.

If you would like to discuss this any further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (416) 789-7891.

Sincerely,

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