

Thanks so much, Jerri!

The premise for the topic is somewhat related to the Blue Communities discussion that is ongoing, as well as our desire to reduce the amount of waste produced in the city. We have so many events going on in the city throughout the summer months that need to eliminate the waste produced from single-use plastic bottles. An excellent way to eradicate sales of bottled water is through two offerings from the City of London: The Thirstmobile and Thirstations are provided free of charge to non-profit events. I will invite Aaron in hopes that he can speak briefly at ACE about the program and give everyone a chance to ask questions, and would like to make a recommendation (based on the discussion) to PEC to look into purchasing more if, as has been relayed to me that at least two major public free events last year couldn't get one, the need is exceeding the supply - and also addressing the staffing issue for September (or even October) event. The reply below from Aaron and attached photos has some basic information that will get committee members thinking about questions.

Sorry, this needs to be included as well (from Aaron):

Sorry I made a mistake when I said in the information below that it was the "estimated total event attendance". That is actually the total estimated number of people to use the device.

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Mike Bloxam

Hi Mike,

We actually have two types of equipment we use to distribute water at events, the Thirstmobile and the Thirstations. Both are available for non-profit events with a water hook-up amongst other restrictions.

Thirstmobile

- We only have one of these and use it for large events only. Minimum attendance of 500 people. You can find a photo [here](https://www.london.ca/city-hall/special-event-planning/Pages/Thirstmobile.aspx) [https://www.london.ca/city-hall/special-event-planning/Pages/Thirstmobile.aspx]
- We deployed it 14 times last year with an estimated total event attendance of 17,500 people

Thirstations

- We just got these in 2018

- For smaller events and/or when the Thirstmobile is busy. A couple of photos are attached and you can see them in action in this [video \[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKKFYMWoNz4&feature=youtu.be\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKKFYMWoNz4&feature=youtu.be). We also have a different more portable version.
- Overall we have four of these
- Even though we only started rolling them out in 2018, they were deployed 12 times with an estimated total event attendance of 11,000
- The Thirststations have really been a runaway success for this program and we are expecting their numbers to jump considerably this year.

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Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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