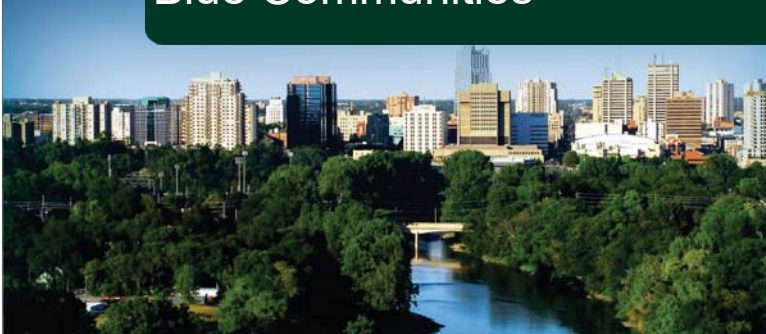




Blue Communities



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Overview

Three steps to become a Blue Community

Council must pass resolutions to:

1. Declare water/sanitary a human right
2. Ban or phase out bottled water sales
3. Support public water and wastewater system



Resolutions

Three sample resolutions available

- Some components are philosophical/political

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that [name of municipality] will call on the federal and provincial governments to enshrine the human rights to water and sanitation in federal and provincial law.

- Some components effect management of the water system

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Water as a Human Right

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- Resolution is specific to “where residents have inability to pay their bills”



- Salvation Army Crisis Support
- City funded support program for water bills
- Payment Plans

Staff position that this will not change system management



Water Bottle Ban

London was an early adopter on this:

[August 2008 City of London Water Bottle Ban](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a) single-use bottled water will no longer be sold in the City Hall cafeteria, from City-owned or City administered concessions and vending machines in public facilities where easy access to municipal tap water exists; b) single-use bottled water will no longer be purchased and provided at meetings where easy access municipal tap water exists; c) the availability of water jugs with municipal tap water will be increased, where required; d) a City staff and public awareness campaign be developed to support the rationale for these important changes including the need for Londoners to do their part; and e) the following implementation schedule be followed subject to an assessment that tap water is readily accessible at these locations:



Public System

- The water and wastewater system under Council control is publically financed, owned, operated, and managed
- No effect on the management of our water/wastewater system
- May want tweaks to wording due to complex public governance of Regional System



Next Steps

- Staff willing to work with Council of Canadians to confirm interpretation, wording
- Council of Canadians can bring resolutions to Civic Works Committee as a delegation
- Staff will present on the impacts on the management of the water/wastewater system



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Questions?