



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CDR# 2023052

Date: April 17, 2023

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Natalie LeBlanc, Municipal Clerk

DATE: April 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Purchase and Use of Bottled Water Policy

ORIGIN: Policy / Bylaw Review

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA sections 47 and 48 authorize council to make, amend and repeal bylaws and policies.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council forward to the April 24, 2023 regular meeting approval of the amendments to the Purchase and Use of Bottled Water Policy #01130-02.

BACKGROUND: At the June 19, 2017 meeting of Committee of the Whole, Council directed staff to develop a policy with regard to bottled water that would address the use of Town provided bottled water within Town Hall and explore the best environmentally positive way in providing liquid refreshments to citizens at events. Staff drafted a policy based on a similar policy in place at the provincial government level. Council approved the Purchase and Use of Bottled Water Policy on September 25, 2017.

DISCUSSION: As part of the ongoing Policy and Bylaw review, staff have reviewed this Policy and are recommending some minor changes to the wording that would no longer prohibit the use of bottled water but rather strongly encourage it.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: While not significant, the amount of money spent on bottled water for meetings and events is normally about \$750 per year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: No community engagement has taken place.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: The use of tap water over bottled water conserves energy and reduces utilization of fossil fuels.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications relating to this Policy.

ALTERNATIVES: 1) Make no / or other amendments to the Policy; or 2) Repeal the Policy



ATTACHMENTS: 01130-02 Purchase and Use of Bottled Water Policy Existing, -1130-02 Purchase and Use of Bottled Water Policy with Amendments.

Report prepared by: Natalie LeBlanc

Report and Financial approved by: