

June 14, 2015

Burlington City Council

Re: Staff Report recommending endorsement of the Blue Dot Movement: Declaration for Right to a Healthy Environment

BurlingtonGreen is pleased to see our city standing with Canadians across the country asking all levels of government to recognize our right to breathe fresh air, drink clean water and eat healthy food.

History shows that the greatest changes start with simple acts of local leadership.

BurlingtonGreen strongly supports the Sustainable Development Committee in asking Burlington City Council to recognize its citizens' right to a healthy environment. This right includes:

- breathing clean air, drinking clean water, consuming safe food
- accessing nature
- knowing about pollutants released into the local environment
- and participating in government decisions that will affect the environment

We thank Councillor Rick Craven and Mayor Rick Goldring for asking for this resolution. We also thank the Sustainable Development Committee for identifying this as a most fitting re-affirmation on their 25th anniversary of Burlington's commitment to sustainable development and the maintenance and enhancement of a healthy environment for future generations.

We ask all Councillors and the Mayor to vote in favour of this endorsement.

Best regards,



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