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Resident applauds water bottle ban

I applaud the city's ban on selling bottled water at many city facilities.

This waste reduction measure is a step closer towards sustainability and zero waste.

Reusable bottles for water or any beverage are far more sustainable, even if all the single-serve bottles got recycled. We have to start thinking of waste at the front end (how to reduce/eliminate it), instead of thinking of it at the back end (how to get rid of it).

To view the 81 municipalities that banned the sale of bottled water at their facilities, go to www.insidethebottle.org.

Mr. Challinor II of Nestlé Waters Canada says bottled water in civic facilities only represents a tiny fraction of the market, so its elimination will not likely have a significant impact in reducing solid waste and greenhouse gases.

But with rising populations, there is even more of a need for everyone to do what they can to reduce their waste/carbon footprint. If industries were really interested in reducing waste and greenhouse gases, they would support and participate in the excellent deposit-return system.

Water is a basic human right and should not be sold for profit. Our municipal tap water is clean and safe, so I also commend the city for upgrading water fountains with refilling stations, making it convenient and accessible for all.

Without water there is no life, so our only choice to share this precious resource is to protect it from exploitation and pollution.

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