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CALEDON, ONTARIO'S GREENEST COMMUNITY, JOINS THE CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE BOTTLED WATER

CALEDON, Ont. — The Town of Caledon is pleased to announce another green initiative — the elimination of bottled water at Town Hall.

Coinciding with the elimination of bottled water in Council Chambers, this initiative includes replacing traditional plastic water jugs and coolers throughout Town Hall with new dispensers that use municipal tap water. For internal catering functions, Town Square Café is providing refillable stainless steel carafes. For the Town's recreational facilities, alternative options to bottled water are also being explored.

"The Town of Caledon has a respected reputation for environmental commitment through our many progressive initiatives. In light of the ongoing bottled-water debate and the health and environmental issues associated with bottled water, the move away from bottled water toward an emphasis on tap water is prudent and timely," said Mayor Marolyn Morrison.

Many other municipalities have introduced policies that limit, or end, the use of bottled water or promote the consumption of tap water. The Region of Waterloo, Dufferin County, the cities of Toronto, London, Charlottetown, Sault Ste. Marie and St. Catharines, and the Town of Blue Mountain are just a few examples. The United States has also been active in shifting away from bottled water. The U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution encouraging mayors to phase out city spending on bottled water and promote the benefits of municipal water.

The initiative builds on other recent Town Hall environmental measures, such as:

- the use of Canadian-made paper which contains Forest Stewardship Council certified 100% post-consumer fibre which is also certified EcoLogo and is processed chlorine free and manufactured using biogas energy;
- the recent introduced organic Fair Trade and Rainforest Alliance certified coffee at the Town Square Café;
- ongoing efforts to reduce paper consumption with staff posting Council agendas on the Town website and circulating electronically to staff.

For more information on these initiatives, contact Sara Peckford, Environmental Progress Officer at 905.584.2272 x4269 or sara.peckford@caledon.ca.

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