



Town of Digby

Administrative Policy # 2010-03

Expenditure of Public Funds for Bottled Water Policy

1.0 Preamble:

The Town of Digby is committed to becoming a healthy, sustainable and vibrant community. The Town of Digby Water Commission has invested significant funds to meet the Nova Scotia Drinking Water Strategy standards to provide clean and potable water. The Town of Digby wishes to lead by example and promote the use of tap water over bottled water.

2.0 Purpose:


The purpose of this policy is to generally prohibit the purchase of single-serving bottled water, with limited exceptions, and to limit the purchase of multi-serving bottled water to those town facility locations where no feasible or reasonable alternative exists as required by law. This policy is also meant to encourage environmentally responsible practices, such as reusing and maintaining reusable containers for personal consumption of water.

3.0 Policy Statement:

The process by which bottled water is produced and consumed creates significant environmental impacts. By limiting the amount of bottled water purchases in favor of ample, quality tap water, the Town demonstrates its commitment to environmental sustainability and sound fiscal policy, and shows confidence in its water supply resources. It is therefore the policy of the Digby Town Council that no public funds should be used for the purchase of single-serving or multi-serving bottled water, other than the following exceptions:

- 3.1** Actual, imminent or highly probable/high risk public safety emergencies.

- 3.2 To comply with any governmental regulations for the provision of potable water in adequate supply.
- 3.3 Any other situations that arise where no other reasonable or practical alternative exists, as deemed necessary by the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her designee (such as offsite training as necessary or recreation/sports programs for children).
- 3.4 Nothing in this policy is intended to preclude employee-funded water clubs, or any bottled water purchased from any source using private funds. However, employees and Town representatives are encouraged to use environmentally responsible practices for the personal consumption of water.

<u>Clerk's Annotation for Official Policy Book</u>	
Date of Notice: <u>May 17, 2010</u>	
Date of adoption: <u>June 07, 2010</u>	
Policy effective date: <u>July 01, 2010</u>	
I certify that this Expenditure of Public Funds for Bottled Water was adopted by Council as indicated above.	
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Clerk	Date