



Letter to your Councillor 101

When writing your letter to your councillor it is important to have a very clear request

Urgent request: Please end the sales of bottled water in our municipal buildings

Feel free to add brief information of why you feel it is important that they respond to this request.

Below are some suggestions

The amount of energy to produce a bottle of water is 2000 times more than tap water.

Most of these bottles will not be recycled and will end up in landfills. Even if the bottles are recycled some estimates suggest that the energy cost of this could be as much as creating a bottle of water.

Ottawa recently declared that our planet is in a climate emergency, everything we do makes an impact.

An effective solution is right in front of us: Ottawa's Municipal tap water, which is more thoroughly tested and much safer for the public.

On June 26, Ottawa City Council is expected to debate a motion containing the following points:

(1) Do NOT renew a contract to sell single-use plastic bottles of beverages in municipal buildings, (2) eliminate the sale of single-use plastic bottles in all municipal buildings, and (3) allocate more funding to promote Ottawa's excellent municipal tap water.

Please Send Your Letter to your councillor, and Zweirzchowski@ottawa.ca (for information). Also, note that a letter or email when followed up by a phone call can be very effective.

The most important thing is that your letter comes from the heart. Our councillors are people that care, and they want to know what you care about too.

Thanks for helping make a greener Ottawa and brighter future!

Below is a sample letter and contact information for Ottawa's councillors

Sample Letter

Dear Councillor,

I am a student of Feilding Secondary School and I would like to make an urgent request that you end the sales of bottled water in our municipal buildings. Ottawa has recently signed on with hundreds of other cities to declare that our world is in a climate emergency. Everything we do makes an impact on the planet. Many of these bottles purchased from our city's buildings will end up in a landfill or flow into our rivers.

With such a stressed climate, the problems caused by bottle water seem unnecessary when there is already a solution right in front of us, our local tap water.

At the next Ottawa City council meeting, a motion will be put forward to address this problem. Please support this important motion when it comes up.

I hope that you can hear my suggestions and help us create a better Ottawa and community for us all.

Sincerely,

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