

Item	Notice of Motion re: Beverages in Council Chambers
Mover	Councillor Shwery
Secunder	Councillor Kimpson

WHEREAS Council meetings are often lengthy and may extend for several hours without scheduled breaks;

AND WHEREAS the council chambers are maintained in a very dry condition, which may cause discomfort or dehydration for attendees during extended meetings;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no drinking water fountains available within the council chambers or in adjacent public areas;

AND WHEREAS access to beverages is necessary for the health and well-being of attendees, particularly elderly individuals and those who take medications that require fluids at prescribed times;

AND WHEREAS allowing beverages in closed, spill-proof containers would not disrupt council proceedings or pose a risk to council facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as part of the Procedure By-law Review, staff be directed to remove the provision preventing members of the public and media from bringing beverages into Council Chambers.