Notice of Motion

Public Outdoor Drinking Fountains in Cambridge

WHEREAS the City Cambridge prides itself on encouraging sports and recreation, active transportation, physical activity, environmentalism, and the importance of placemaking in core areas;

WHEREAS the City of Cambridge rests on a geographically unique constellation of rivers, such as the Speed River and the Grand River, making water an essential component of the city's history, constitution, public branding, and ethos;

WHEREAS more than two billion single-use disposable plastic drinking water bottles are used in Canada per year, despite the fact that Canada contains some of the world's largest reserves of fresh water, and drinking water through our taps and public systems in Cambridge is safe, clean, and affordable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff of the City of Cambridge be directed to provide a recommendation on installing a public drinking fountain as a placemaking and community building initiative in one of our core areas, and that a further outline for potentially installing a drinking fountain in each core area in the future, be included as well.