Drinking Water October 2010 Richard Maclellan





# **Drinking Water 2.0**

**2009 Direction from Regional Council:** 

- Restriction at City Hall
- Endorsement of the Catering and Meeting Guidelines
- Staff Action to investigate further measures

#### **Prevailing Theme: Choice**

The prevailing theme of the conversation and direction was to provide choice to residents and visitors of HRM.



# **City Hall: Update**

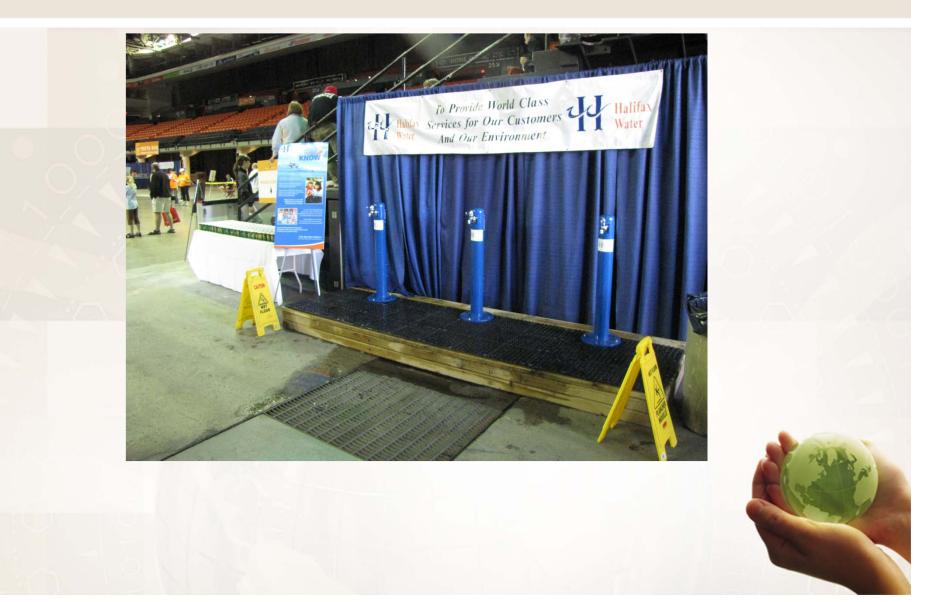
Small filtration system installed in Mayors Office

Plumbed in cooler installed in Staff Lunch Room

Brita Filters and Pitchers purchased



# **Water Dispensing Units**



#### **Issues related to Drinking Water**

**Social Impacts** Using own resource vs others resource **Financially restricting or enabling access** Accessibility **Environmental Impacts** Solid Waste **Carbon Footprint Impacts on Groundwater resources Economic Impacts** Bottled much more expensive than tap

#### **Following the Leader**



# **Vending Machines**

#### **Recommended to not restrict Choices**





### **Impact of Recommendation**

- Coolers
- Bottled Water Consumption



### Recommendation

It is recommended:

- 1.That all HRM administrative and operational facilities with access to clean drinking water, phase out the purchase and sale of bottled water, including bottled coolers. Excluding:
- Community operated and recreation facilities, and
- Emergency Services and Operational staff requiring bottled water for occupational health and safety reasons,
- 2. Staff to reduce the amount of bottled water required for operational and emergency staff by ensuring that canteens and filling stations are available as possible and practical in buildings;

