

Drinking Water
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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

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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;

