CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MOTION

Date: December 1, 2008

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR .................................................................

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ............................................................

Town of Milton Resolution 333-08 respecting Deposit/Return System on Aluminum and Plastic Drink Containers (Referred from Council – September 10, 2008)

Whereas the Corporation of the Town of Milton passed Resolution No. 333-08 on August 18, 2008 to request that the Ministry of the Environment be requested to consider a deposit/return system for aluminum cans and plastic beverage containers as a means of reducing litter;

And Whereas City Council, at its meeting of September 10, 2008, received the correspondence from the Town of Milton and referred the matter to the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee for comment to the Public Works Committee;

And Whereas the Ministry of the Environment is considering changes to the Waste Diversion Act and the Blue Box Program that may assist in addressing this matter;

And Whereas the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee considered the Town of Milton Resolution No. 333-08 at their meeting on November 12, 2008 and respectfully submits the following recommendations for the consideration of the Public Works Committee:

(a) That the Town of Milton Resolution No. 333-08 requesting that the Ministry of the Environment be requested to consider a deposit/return system for aluminum cans and plastic beverage containers as a means of reducing litter, be received and no further action taken;

(b) That the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Town of Milton be advised accordingly;

(c) That this item be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee.
Resolution
No. 333-08

Date: August 18, 2008

BE IT RESOLVED:

WHEREAS Aluminum Cans and Plastic Drink Containers create significant litter on our Roadways and whereas the deposit/return system for alcoholic beverages has proved an effective deterrent to roadside littering;

AND WHEREAS many of these Plastic Drink Containers contain water obtained by commercial operations with little or no positive benefit for local residents, and whereas large-scale water taking may adversely affect local water resources, and whereas commercial water tanker trucks create uncompensated wear to local roads

AND WHEREAS a deposit may encourage residents to use personal reusable containers reducing the demand for plastic bottled water;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Milton endorses the Region of Halton's resolution requesting that the Minister of the Environment consider placing a deposit/return system on aluminum and plastic drink containers and that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for circulation to all municipalities in Ontario for information and support.

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