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# Proposed bottled-water ban nixed

## Councillor aimed to cut plastic going to landfills

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District of North Vancouver council has poured cold water on one councillor's proposal to ban the sale of bottled water in municipal buildings.

Coun. Alan Nixon drafted the motion to ban single-serving bottled water sales at all district-owned facilities, with the goal of reducing the amount of plastic that winds up in the region's landfills and recycling programs. But Nixon's motion failed to pick up any other supporters on council and it was defeated at a July 11 meeting.

District of North Vancouver's decision to preserve the flow of bottled water into the municipality goes against the prevailing political tide. Metro Vancouver and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities recently passed resolutions encouraging members to ban the sale of bottled water. So far, Vancouver, Burnaby, Victoria and Delta, among others, have passed bans.

The City of North Vancouver banned the sale of bottled water in city buildings in the summer of 2009, along with expanding access to tap water via fountains and carafes.

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