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Refusal to ban bottles a refreshing decision

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Dear Editor:

In your July 22 story, DNV Won't Ban Bottled Water, some information is shared with your readers that requires correction.

Contrary to the reporter's claims, Nova Scotia has not banned the sale of bottled water in its facilities, and neither have the cities of Delta or Vancouver.

Nielsen Research reports that, as of June 4 of this year, more than 94 per cent of bottled water sold in Canada came from springs on private property, not

municipal sources. Bottled water at our Hope, British Columbia, plant is tested more than 800 times daily.

District of North Vancouver Council is to be commended for pursuing meaningful environmental and health and wellness initiatives in its facilities, rather than bowing to environmental symbolism by prohibiting the sale and distribution of bottled water.

That said, we are fully supportive of the use of tap water during district meetings and the district's investments in water fountains. Kudos to the district for choosing to put the health of their residents and staff ahead of all other considerations.

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Editor's note: Vancouver and Delta have passed motions aimed at reducing the use of bottled water over time.

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