
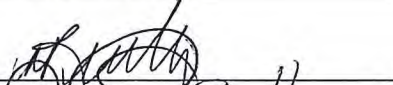




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WHEREAS at the Committee of the Whole on June 24, 2019, Council considered a Memo from the Secretary of the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee, regarding Motions to support the Town of Cobourg as a Blue Community; and

WHEREAS the Blue Communities Project Resolution on the human rights to water and sanitation call on the federal and provincial governments to enshrine these rights in federal and provision laws; and

WHEREAS nearly 750 million people around the world do not have access to clean drinking water, 4 billion people face severe water scarcity and 2.5 billion people do not have adequate sanitation; and

WHEREAS Indigenous communities in Canada have been disproportionately affected by lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation; and

WHEREAS on July 28, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution recognizing the human rights to water and sanitation; and

WHEREAS on September 23, 2011, the United Nations Human Rights Council passed a resolution on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation and called on governments to take concrete action by developing plans of action, establishing monitoring and accountability mechanisms, and ensuring affordable services for everyone; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Council of Canadians have asked Canadian municipalities to assist in their effort to have the federal government protect water and sanitation as human rights; and

WHEREAS recognizing the rights to water and sanitation is one of three steps needed to declare The Town of Cobourg a Blue Community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg recognizes and affirms that water and sanitation services are fundamental human rights; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg will call on the federal Government Minister of environment Catherine McKenna, MP, Kim Rudd and provincial governments MPP David Pinccini, and Provincial Minister of the environment Jeff Yurek, to enshrine the human rights to water and sanitation in federal and provincial laws; and

FURTHER THAT that the Town of Cobourg will call on the Government of Canada to develop a national plan of action to implement the human rights to water and sanitation.