



HALTON REGION

NOTICE OF MOTION

DATE: November 20, 2019

ITEM: Safety of Drinking Water

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TO BE CONSIDERED:

Council Meeting – November 20, 2019

MOVED BY: Mayor Rob Burton

WHEREAS news reports on unsafe levels of lead in drinking water across Canada have created concerns and awareness of lead in drinking water;

WHEREAS Regional Municipality of Halton drinking water is safe and is tested annually and 99.3 percent of samples were found to be compliance with Provincial legislation for lead limit in drinking water;

WHEREAS Regional Municipality of Halton initiated a cast iron watermain replacement program that essentially eliminated all lead water services on public property and therefore the risk to lead exposure in Halton Region is extremely low;

WHEREAS school boards have the responsibility to conduct regular lead testing, pipe flushing, pipe replacements and notifications as legislated through the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and school safety is a responsibility of the Ministry of Education and the Ontario government;

WHEREAS the news reports have identified the potential for lead exposure to schools in Ontario;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of the Region of Halton calls on the Ministry of Education to put the health and safety of students first and remove all lead pipes and lead based materials that supply the water service in public educational facilities.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Halton municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Minister of Education and the Premier of Ontario, local MPPs, and made publicly available.