



## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

### **COMMERCIALLY BOTTLED WATER (Policy Statement: Commercially Bottled Water)**

#### **Purpose**

The ALCDSB, in keeping with its stated mission to "... value and promote responsible participation in our local and global communities", consistent with Catholic Social Teachings and the goals of the EcoSchools initiative, seeks to model and promote stewardship practices with regard to the use of water.

#### **References**

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(<http://www.worldwaterday.org/>)

*Our Relationship with the Environment: The Need for Conversion, Social Affairs Commission, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008*

*A Common Good ... an Inalienable Right, Papal Message for World Water Day 2007*

*2002 -2005 Fall Action Campaigns of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace*  
*Water – Not For Profit and, Carrying into the Share Lent Campaigns, Thirsting for Justice*  
(<http://www.devp.org/>)

*You Love All That Exists ... All Things Are Yours, God, Lover of Life - A Pastoral Letter on the Christian Ecological Imperative, Social Affairs Commission, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003*

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*Kairos* (<http://www.kairoscanada.org/e/index.asp>)

## **Procedures**

### **1. Commercially Bottled Water**

- 1.1 The central Board and all satellite offices will promote at all meetings, workshops and special events, the consumption of water from local sources (municipal or wells) and eliminate the provision of water from commercially bottled, single-use plastic containers insofar as such municipal or well water sources are available.
- 1.2 Such promotion as stated in 1.1 will involve the maintenance of accessible water sources for all personnel and visitors.
- 1.3 The above will include the promotion of reusable containers for all personnel.
- 1.4 School sites shall follow the above practices including student and Catholic School Councils.
- 1.5 Fundraising activities in school communities including those of Catholic School Councils shall be consistent with these practices.
- 1.6 Where schools and other Board sites have substituted other beverages, which are made available to students and staff, such substitutions will comply with the Board's Nutrition Policy.
- 1.7 Any Board site may use water from commercial sources where access to safe, potable water has been compromised until such time as access to such sources can be restored and subject to the directives of local Medical Officers of Health and/or relevant government officials.

## **Appendices**

## **Forms**

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