



Metro Vancouver Tap Water Campaign Policy

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1.0 Preamble

The Tap Water Campaign is a pledge put forward by Metro Vancouver as an effort to encourage residents to support sustainability in the region by choosing tap water over single-use plastic bottles water. Metro Vancouver also offers residents the use of a Tap Map in which organizations, restaurants and businesses that are willing to refill water bottles to opt in at no cost.

2.0 Definitions

KSA – The Kwantlen Student Association in which all registered students at Kwantlen are a member of. The KSA acts for the students by the students to create and operate student initiatives, services, and policies.

Metro Vancouver – The political body and corporate entity that represents over 2.3 million people and 21 municipalities in the lower mainland of BC.

Sustainability – KSA’s practice of using a triple bottom line paradigm where environmental, social and economic impacts of each decision are considered and weighed before a balanced conclusion is developed.

Tap Map – Metro Vancouver’s interactive map available online and as a phone application to locate over 550 public drinking fountains in member municipalities spanning from West Vancouver to Langley.

Tap Water – water supplied through a tap that undergoes an extensive filtration and purification process that allows clean water without the need of boiling, filtering or treating the water further.

3.0 Policy on the Tap Water Campaign

WHEREAS the KSA recognizes its members are committed to environmental and social responsibility, and value sustainability;

AND WHEREAS the KSA recognizes that notions of organizational and environmental health are complimentary;

AND WHEREAS the KSA recognizes the importance of reducing the use of single-use water bottles as an organization;

AND WHEREAS the KSA recognizes the importance of sustainable stewardship as well as the importance of clean accessible drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the KSA recognizes that Metro Vancouver’s naturally filtered water goes through an extensive filtration and purification process, so much that there is no need to boil, filter, or treat its Tap Water.



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4.0 Resolution

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the KSA supports sustainability in Metro Vancouver by taking the Tap Water Pledge by choosing to drink tap water.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the KSA encourages the use of its WaterFillz machines to reduce the use of single-use water bottles whenever possible.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the KSA participates in Metro Vancouver's Tap Map that allows residents in Metro Vancouver to locate our campus and refill their water bottles for free.