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## NOTICE OF MOTION CC 661 (R2009-05)

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## RE: PUBLIC WATER

## COUNCILLORS CARRA, COLLEY-URQUHART, PINCOTT, WOOLLEY

WHEREAS Calgary has an excellent and precious natural source of water from the Bow and Elbow Rivers and the drinking water supply is high in quality;

AND WHEREAS The City has invested heavily in water infrastructure and has many employees working in the area of water quality and service;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary continues to promote the value of tap water to citizens through education campaigns;

AND WHEREAS citizens of Calgary and The City value our watershed;

AND WHEREAS water is a healthy and economical drink for a society that is consuming unhealthy levels of sugar and sodium in packaged beverages;

AND WHEREAS there are costs, both monetary and environmental, to the production and transportation of bottled water and bottled drinks as well as collection and recycling of the containers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to identify current barriers to public access to the City's drinking water and to develop an infrastructure plan to ensure convenient access to public drinking water for the staff, clientele, visitors, and citizens of Calgary within public buildings, including Civic Partners buildings

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Administration also examine the possibility of expanding access to drinking water in public spaces, with a public art component if possible, as well as exploring the barriers and opportunities related to public access to water within private facilities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT as part of this work that the Office of Sustainability provide an in-depth Triple Bottom Line Sustainability analysis on expanding public access to drinking water.

Signature of Member(s) of Council

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