

**Definitions:**

- **“Bottled water”** means still water or naturally carbonated water as packaged for sale. Bottled water is inclusive of, but not limited to, individually-sized servings, bulk cases of individual servings, and office cooler-sized jugs. Bottled water does not include products such as Vitamin water.
- **“Dalhousie University”** means the administration of Dalhousie University.
- **“Public water”** means water available to the public through fountains and taps on Dalhousie University campuses.

**1. Pledges to continue the systematic assessment and improvement of Dalhousie University’s public water infrastructure, equipment, and buildings systems.**

- 1.1 Dalhousie University Facilities Management will carry out public water infrastructure improvement deemed necessary through consultation with the Environmental Health and Safety Office to ensure easy and safe accessibility of public water on Dalhousie University campuses.
- 1.2 Dalhousie University Facilities Management will maintain public water infrastructure at the level deemed necessary by regulatory bodies and the University standards.
- 1.3 No fountain, if in use, will be decommissioned without the construction of a replacement.
- 1.4 Any new fountain installed on Dalhousie University campuses will be wheelchair accessible and encourage easy refill of reusable water containers.
- 1.5 Dalhousie University Facilities Management will ensure public water infrastructure at Dalhousie meets relevant specifications as outlined by Health Canada.
- 1.6 Dalhousie University Facilities Management and the Office of Sustainability will actively pursue water conservation and efficiency projects to reduce the Universities’ water baseline.

**2. Pledges to terminate the sale of office-sized cooler bottled water on all Dalhousie University campuses.**

- 2.1 Dalhousie University will not purchase office-water cooler units and/or cooler bottled water for student or employee use. Notwithstanding, offering office-sized cooler bottled water will be permitted when necessary during emergency situations and where no water facilities are easily accessible such as during large group and outdoor events.

**3. Pledges to reduce consumption of individually-sized single-bottled water.**

- 3.1 Dalhousie University will work with major campus beverage provider and on-campus food providers to reduce bottled water in catering, and at on-campus food service locations.

3.2 Dalhousie University will work with faculties, departments, student societies and other campus groups to reduce bottled water at campus events.

**4.0 Pledges to engage in education and projects that promote the importance of healthy and sustainable public water infrastructure.**

- 4.1 Dalhousie University will actively build a culture of awareness and responsibility with regard to bottled water and water sustainability through such organizations as the Dalhousie Office of Sustainability.
- 4.2 Dalhousie University will encourage campus food and beverage vendors to offer tap water free of charge and without pressure to purchase food or other beverages.
- 4.3 Dalhousie University will work with faculties, departments, student societies and other campus groups to phase out the provision of bottled water at campus events through the use of education and promotional campaigns.
- 4.4 Dalhousie University will make annual upgrades to existing drinking water fountains by installing retrofits or new drinking water fountains that support re-usable water bottles.
- 4.5 Dalhousie University will explore the subsidized sale of re-usable water bottles in snack vending machines.

**Signed on behalf of Dalhousie University:**



**Ken Burt, Vice President Finance and Administration  
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**Date:**

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