

## Office of the Mayor

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## Subject: Retail Petroleum Products to Provide Warning Labels on Gas Pumps

At its meeting on July 20, 2015, Oakville Town Council approved the following resolution with respect to the subject item noted above:

WHEREAS the Town of Oakville supports the resolution adopted by West Vancouver regarding gas pump labelling with climate change warnings;

WHEREAS there is evidence that combustion of petroleum products such as gas and diesel in vehicle engines contributes to greenhouse gas emissions that affect natural systems in ways that are injurious to human health and the environment;

WHEREAS point-of-sale warning labels have been required for other consumables, such as tobacco products, which has effectively curbed use of harmful products;

WHEREAS the town considers the implementation of gas pump labelling a matter of federal and provincial government jurisdictions;

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Town of Oakville requests that the federal and provincial governments take action to legislate all vendors of retail petroleum products in Canada to

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provide warning labels on all pump handles (pump talkers) and/or pump panels, and that those companies who do not have this feature on their pump handle be obligated to fit them with plastic sleeves which will allow warning labels to be displayed;

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, forward a copy of this resolution requesting action to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, and local MPs and MPPs; and

THAT the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) be requested to support this initiative by bringing forward resolutions at their respective annual conferences in 2015 (AMO) and 2016 (FCM).

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require any additional information, please contact Cindy Toth at 905-845-6601, extension 3299, or email cindy.toth@oakville.ca.

Yours truly,

Mayor Rob Burton

Head of Council and CEO

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