

Notice of Motion

Presented by: Mayor Heather Watson

Date: May 6th, 2025

Subject: Redirecting Bottle Return Proceeds to Support Local Youth Sports

Recommendation:

That Council consider the following motion:

Whereas the beginning in 2015, the Township of Douro-Dummer has collected returnable bottles at the Transfer Station with proceeds, typically around \$1,500 annually, donated to United Way Peterborough; and

Whereas United Way Peterborough is a well-respected organization that provides meaningful support across the region, helping improve lives through a wide range of programs and services; and

Whereas the Township recognizes the value of investing in local initiatives where even modest funds can make a significant difference to residents, especially young people; and

Whereas many youth sports organizations in Douro-Dummer, such as hockey, baseball, and soccer, operate with limited budgets and rely on community support to keep programming accessible and inclusive; and

Whereas participation in sports contributes to the physical, mental, and social development of young people and fosters a strong sense of community, belonging, and leadership; and

Whereas United Way Peterborough raises approximately \$1.2 million annually, and the Township's contribution may now have greater impact when directed to grassroots initiatives in our own community;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That beginning in June of 2025, the proceeds from the Township's returnable bottle collection program be redirected to support youth sports and recreation programs within the Township; and

Be It Further Resolved That Council request that staff bring forward a report outlining option for the process to award the bottles and/or funds annually along with timelines and a communication strategy to the first Council meeting in August.