

**MOTION DEFEATED AT COUNCIL 2009 APRIL 6**

**MOTION PUT FORWARD BY ALDERMEN FARRELL, CHABOT, STEVENSON, MAR AND PINCOTT**

**NM2009-16 - FLOURIDE**

WHEREAS fluoride is readily available from sources such as toothpastes, mouth rinses, supplements, and topical applications;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Dental Association have concluded that fluoridated water should not be given to infants, either by itself or in infant formula;

AND WHEREAS it would be more appropriate to allow an individual the choice, since it is easy to access fluoride, but costly and unreasonable for consumers to remove it from their drinking water, and administering it is being done without the consent of that person;

AND WHEREAS the amount of fluoride ingested is not controlled because it is dependent on how much water is consumed, and the effects on the individual are not monitored;

AND WHEREAS adding fluoride is an unnecessary expense, since it is not required to produce potable water, and only a fraction of potable water is consumed as drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the operating cost of fluoride is \$600,000 annually and the estimated capital costs of required upgrades to the Bearspaw and Glenmore fluoride systems range from \$2 to \$5 million;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council repeal the existing Fluoridation Bylaw and direct Administration to apply to Alberta Environment for an amendment to The City's License for its water treatment plants to discontinue the addition of fluoride to Calgary's water supply;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct that a fund of \$250,000 be provided for each of three years to Alberta Health Services for fluoride treatments for children of low income families.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

For: Aldermen Farrell, Chabot, Mclver, Stevenson, Pincott and Deputy Mayor Mar

Against: Aldermen Hodges, Ceci, Colley-Urquhart, Fox-Mellway, Hawkesworth, Lowe and Connelly

**MOTION LOST**