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Re: Providing Free Menstrual Products in all Public Town Facilities

Please be advised that at a meeting held on November 1, 2021, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 282-21:

Whereas according to the most recent Canada census data 52% of the population of Whitby are women; and,

Whereas the government of Ontario has taken a leadership position and recently announced a province-wide initiative to provide free menstrual products to every secondary school in Ontario; and,

Whereas “Period Poverty” where girls do not have access or the resources for menstrual products exists in our community, and this can interfere with their ability to take part in sports and or activities; and,

Whereas menstrual products are a necessity, not a luxury; and,

Whereas access to free high-quality products is fundamentally a human rights issue and crucial to the health, well being and success of women who don't have access to these products; and,

Whereas women's menstrual products are not currently freely available in all public Town operated facilities, and,

Whereas the lack of feminine hygiene products has been identified as a barrier to access for some women and girls.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That staff investigate the possibility and cost of adding free menstrual products to all public Town facilities and add this as a decision item for the 2022 Town budget;
2. That the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Durham Region M.P.P.s and all Durham municipalities; and,

3. That staff be directed to investigate options to support vulnerable populations by donating free menstrual products to local food banks.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact John Romano, Commissioner of Community Services at 905.430.4321.



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