

SAMPLE RESOLUTION TO FACILITATE PURCHASING RECYCLED AND RE-REFINED MOTOR OIL AND ANTIFREEZE

BACKGROUND

Institutions across BC are increasingly prioritising circular economy initiatives, where waste is eliminated, and resources are recycled and reintroduced as new products. This includes the Province of British Columbia, who have committed to developing a circular economy strategy, under the [Roadmap to 2030](#). Buying re-refined motor oil & recycled anti-freeze is an opportunity to be part of the circular solution here in BC.

On average, of the materials collected by BCUOMA, 70% of the used motor oil and 100% of the used antifreeze is re-refined and reused as new lubricating oils and coolant. There are refineries within BC who are producing a wide range of re-refined oils and antifreezes that meet, and often exceed, API, ASTM, OEM, and other engine performance requirements, meaning there is no quality difference when comparing re-refined with virgin products.

Buying re-refined motor oil & antifreeze helps to fully realize their amazing capacity to be recycled and reused indefinitely with quality equal or better than lubricants made from virgin crude. By moving away from a reliance on new non-renewable resources, we can foster more sustainable supply chains and can lower emissions. As many of these processors re-refine locally and sell back into the BC market, we have an opportunity to also contribute to a closed-loop local economy.

The sample resolution below is intended to be a starting point to help you participate in the circular economy. We encourage you to adapt it to suit your Institution, including in consideration of favouring products re-refined and sold locally within BC. We also recommend adopting this resolution as collective part of local initiatives and longer-term plans to make greener choices that may already be in progress.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

PURCHASING OF RECYCLED MOTOR OIL & ANTIFREEZE

[Name of institution]

WHEREAS opportunities exist to purchase re-refined motor oil and recycled antifreeze processed within BC, that meet, and often exceed, industry standards for fleets of all sizes;

AND WHEREAS in partnership with the Province of BC's used oil and antifreeze recycling systems facilitated by BCUOMA, the purchasing re-refined oils and antifreezes would help to close the loop and further a circular economy;

AND WHEREAS purchasing re-refined oil and recycled antifreeze saves non-renewable resources and the re-refining process consumes 85% less energy when compared to virgin production, helping to reduce carbon emissions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT [name of institution] shall commit to seeking opportunities to procure motor oils and antifreeze products that have been re-refined.