

June 9, 2006

Mayor and Council:

The Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA) represents publicly-owned water supply systems throughout the province. Established in 1967, the Association's approximately 200 members provide safe and secure tap water to more than seven million people in Ontario.

The Association is concerned that recommendations made in Watertight, a report by the government-appointed Water Expert Panel, will, if adopted, transfer control of water assets from municipalities to local water companies. These water companies are to be governed by Boards, with two-thirds of the Board members to be drawn from the private sector.

We see this proposed restructuring as the first step in dismantling public ownership.

The Association believes that the Government of Ontario must make a commitment to the people of Ontario to keep water under public ownership and control by enshrining it in legislation.

OMWA is seeking your support to keep our water under public ownership and control and ask you to pass the following resolution at your next meeting of council:

"That the correspondence received from the Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA), concerning the recommendations made in Watertight, by the government-appointed Water Expert Panel, will, if adopted, transfer control of water assets from municipalities to local water companies. These water companies are to be governed by Boards, with two-thirds of Board members to be drawn from the private sector which OMWA views as the first step in dismantling public ownership be received and

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That the municipality of _____ supports the position of the Ontario Municipal Water Association that water must remain under public ownership and control and

THAT the Government of Ontario must make a commitment to the people of Ontario to keep water under public ownership and control by enshrining it in legislation and further

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Premier Dalton McGuinty, The Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal the Hon. David Caplan, the Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Laurel Broten, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon John Gerretson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Water Association.

Your truly,

Robert Walton
Chair

Cc: Clerk of the Municipality