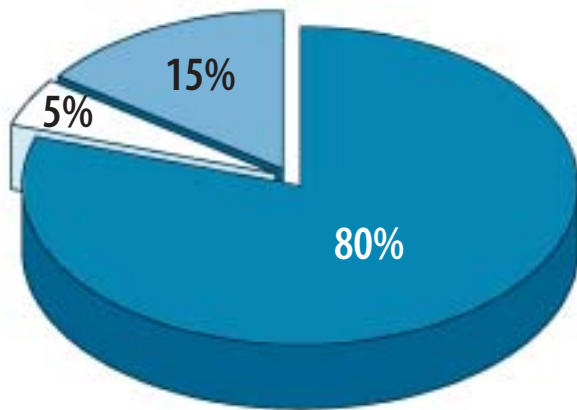


What do Toronto residents want?



- City should not give up direct control
- City can give up direct control
- Don't know

A poll by Strategic Communications, published on Page 2 of the Toronto Star, showed that **80% of Toronto Residents oppose the Mayor's Water plan.**

Toronto residents did not vote for this. It is not cheaper. It is not safer.

After Walkerton, does anybody want LESS control over their drinking water?

What can I do?

- Contact your City Councillor and tell them you don't want to give up control of our water (just call 416-338-0338 and ask the staff to connect you to your Councillor's office)
- Visit www.torwaterwatch.org and sign a petition against the Mayor's Plan to give away control of our water
- Invite Toronto Water Watch to speak to your community group, so people know what's going on
- Call Toronto Water Watch at 416-820-7889 or email torwaterwatch@yahoo.ca and volunteer to help

Toronto Water Watch is a coalition of environmental, citizens and labour groups, including:

- The Council of Canadians
- Toronto Environment Alliance
- Canadian Environmental Law Association
- Toronto and York Labour Council
- Canadian Union of Public Employees

Mayor Mel Lastman wants to give away control of our drinking water.

Why would anyone want to do that?



**Toronto's Drinking Water:
IT'S OURS!**

Let's keep it that way!



What Does Mayor Lastman Want To Do To Our Water?

1. Give away control of our water to a corporation or commission
2. Take the protection of our water away from the people you elect
3. Put political appointees in charge of our drinking water system

Isn't deal-making at City Hall bad enough?

After all the news reports on bad deals at City Hall, why does anyone want to put political appointees in charge of our drinking water?

Didn't the Walkerton Report reject this?

The Walkerton Report called for direct accountability as the best possible protection for clean, safe water. The Mayor's plan would push Toronto in exactly the opposite direction.

Is there a reason to mess with our water?

Our water system delivers safe, clean water to almost 3 million people every day. It exceeds provincial standards and is tested 300,000 times a year. It's fully accountable to the public, because people you elect are responsible for it. Why change it now?

Who Opposes the Mayor's Plan?

- The City's Water Advocate, Councillor Irene Jones, opposed this plan.
- The Toronto Star has run three editorials in recent months calling on the City to abandon this plan.
- Globe & Mail columnist John Barber, and Don Wanagas of the National Post and NOW Magazine have ridiculed this plan.
- The Toronto Board of Health has expressed concern about this plan.
- Environmental organizations like the Toronto Environment Alliance, the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy have spoken out against this plan.

Still the Mayor plans to push this through Council on November 26th.

Let City Hall know how you feel.

Call 416-338-0338 and ask for your Councillor. Tell them not to give away control of our water.

What Happens Next?

The Mayor wants to take control away from elected officials and appoint an arm's length commission. A lot of people are worried that this is the first step toward privatization of our public water services.

Unelected officials can make crucial decisions about the future of our water system without public input. Because political appointees are not accountable to you, you won't have a say.

Council has already adopted a policy that promises to look at privatizing as an option for every city service.

Our water system is worth \$19 billion dollars. Its revenue is almost \$1 billion each year. That's the kind of income that is bound to attract big private water companies.

Shouldn't we be worried about what happens to our water system if we give away control?

The Mayor wants City Council to approve this plan on November 26th. What do you think your Councillor should do?

KEEP IT PUBLIC!