

# Message to the Ottawa City Council

**The present trend in the consumption of drinking water in throw-away plastic bottles is bad for several reasons because it:**

- Is a waste of the scarce natural resources needed to manufacture the plastic bottles
- Harms the environment through excessive litter by the empty bottles, scarcely recycled
- Provides water that is not as carefully regulated as municipal tap water, despite misleading advertising to the contrary by the bottled water industry
- Is always sold at a much higher price than city water - up to one thousand times more expensive!

**The Ottawa Water Study/Action Group (OWSAG) therefore asks City Council to:**

- 1) Stop purchasing and distributing bottled water in City-owned buildings and official functions;
- 2) Encourage the use of public drinking fountains in the City Hall building and elsewhere, where water fountains have been removed, develop a plan to reinstate them; and
- 3) Encourage the consumption of municipal tap water by all means possible.

**I support this statement:**

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Thank you for supporting this Ottawa Water Study Group (OWSAG) initiative. When appropriate, this message will be delivered to the City of Ottawa Environmental Committee and the Ottawa City Council. Please either mail or drop off completed statement to:

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**Before Monday, November 26, 2007**

