

HAWKESBURY

@With a population of: 11,629

@Your Water Comes From:

- ◆ The Ottawa River. The water filtration plant at 670 Main St. W. pumps clean water pumps throughout your city. Meanwhile, wastewater is transferred to the Hawkesbury waste treatment plant.



<www.hawkesbury.ca>

@ Taking Stock...Critical Local Water Concerns

- ◆ Pétrole Campbell Petroleum 2001 spilled 10, 000 litres of oil into the Ottawa River in 2004, causing serious contamination of local Hawkesbury waterways.
- ◆ Factory farms expanding in the area. *These farms rely on unsustainable amounts of water and create industrial volumes of waste.*
- ◆ Uranium exploration boreholes in region. *As radioactive minerals are extracted from the ground, contamination of water sources is inevitable.*
- ◆ Part of Hawkesbury submerged by a hydroelectric dam (1950-1962)
- ◆ In the past, pulp and paper mills dumped waste along the Hawkesbury waterfront (1820s-1960s). Clean-up of the watershed is ongoing.

@ Keeping Track...Initiatives and Actions In Your Community

- ◆ Campaign to Ban Bottled Water on school and city property. Get involved!
Check out: <www.insidethebottle.org/re-fresh-re-jaillir>

And...

- ◆ A new **Hawkesbury solar farm** is under construction. *Electricity for 5,400 homes.*
- ◆ **Sustainable Food Initiatives:** Check out the Good Food Box for fresh vegetables and fruit in your neighbourhood: <www.foodshare.net/goodfoodbox01.htm>
- ◆ Outstanding **Six Nations land claims** under negotiation. *For more info, check out:* <www.sixnations.ca/LandsResources/ClaimSummaries.htm>
- ◆ **Campaign to Stop Water Intensive Hog Farming.** *For more info:* *Citizens for the Environment and Future in Eastern Ontario* <www.cefeo.org>

✍ For references and more resources, contact the Polaris Institute: <www.insidethebottle.org/contact>

