

Backgrounder

Wellington Water Watchers is a non-profit organization founded in 2007. We are an organization primarily run by volunteer citizens from Guelph-Wellington who are committed to the protection of local water and to educating the public about threats to the watershed. Our Organization rests on three pillars. Educate. Advocate. Celebrate.

Wellington Water Watchers began in 2007 to respond to a Permit-To-Take-Water renewal bid at the former Dolime site in Guelph. Later that spring, Nestlé Waters Canada submitted its renewal bid for their Aberfoyle well.

The organization was officially incorporated in April 2008 and has been working towards water protection since.

Our current opposition to Nestlé Waters Canada 2 existing permits in Wellington County (Aberfoyle and Hillsburgh), and their interest in securing a third well near Elora has been led by a broad based group of concerned citizens from three organizations regionally who have fought Nestlé Waters Canada over the past nine years. Wellington Water Watchers is the lead organization in these efforts.

[Save our Water](#) is a group of Elora/Fergus citizens committed to the protection of their water. [Friends of Hillsburgh Water](#) is a group of residents in the Erin/Hillsburgh area, who rallied five years ago to oppose a Nestlé water taking renewal bid in their back yard.

We have several concerns about Nestlé Waters Canada water-taking impacts in this county that are not limited to the following:

- Little is known about the connectivity of our aquifers and the effects of current and projected water takings have on neighbouring wells and communities and local agriculture. Current test methods are antiquated and are in need of major reform.
- Nestlé Waters Canada claims that packaged water is no threat to public water - but we believe it is a threat. We are concerned the Ontario government's support for private water taking by Nestlé Waters Canada contributes to the commodification and privatization of water and potentially our water delivery system. Wellington Water Watchers believes water must stay in public control.
- We believe that Water is for Life, Not for Profit. We honour our waters as a commons, not a commodity to be bought and sold on the world market.

Wellington Water Watchers are encouraged by the [recent announcement by the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change](#) (MOECC) of its intent to overhaul the permit to take water process, particularly as it pertains to the packaged water sector.

The 2-year moratorium on new permits of this kind is a big step. It means there is no possibility of a pump test at the Middlebrook well until January 2019! The Aberfoyle renewal is also now on hold until there are new regulations in place.

Points worth acknowledging in the current proposal:

- It will lead directly to stricter policies and regulations for the water bottling industry
- It acknowledges that parts of the province targeted for population growth have concerns related to future water security
- It recognizes the impacts of climate change on our water resources
- It acknowledges the need to prioritize water taking uses
- It acknowledges that Ontario's groundwater needs to be better understood so that it can be effectively protected.

But this current proposal has not gone far enough. There are several important pieces missing.

1. **Water is For Life, Not for Profit.**
2. **An ecosystem approach is essential.**
3. **Consideration of cumulative effects on the environment.**
4. **Apply and honour the pre-cautionary principle.**
5. **More emphasis on prioritization.**
6. **Align permit expiry, renewal and issuance deadlines within watersheds.**
7. **Full cost recovery through the water charges scheme.**
8. **No proponent science, but third party science.**
9. **Returnable, reusable beverage bottles.**
10. **Accountability of extensions beyond a permit expiry date.**
11. **Municipalities need more say.**
12. **Water management program undergoes periodic review.**
13. **Phase out this sunset industry.**
14. **Impact on current and future generations.**
15. **Improved access to safe, clean, reliable public water.**

[View the draft proposal \(Registry Number 012-8783\) on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry here](#)

See our [FAQ Page](#)

Nestlé Waters – Canadian Facilities

Nestlé's Canadian headquarters is in Aberfoyle, Ontario. The plant bottles and packages 56 million cases of water a year¹, between two permits in the area they are allowed to 4.7 million liters of water each day,² with an average of 1,113,000 Liters a day coming from their well in the Town of Erin, brought to their Aberfoyle bottling plant in Puslinch by tanker truck³, and a permit to 3.6 million liters a day at the bottling plant itself.⁴

Nestlé also owns a bottling plant in Hope British Columbia that is permitted to take up to 256 million Liters of water a day.

In addition to this Nestlé has a distribution facility in Chilliwack, British Columbia and Laval, Quebec.⁵

Brands

In 1991 the Aberfoyle Springs Inc. applied for a trademark for the brand name "Aberfoyle", and began using that brand name in 1992 along with the following registered trademark symbol:⁶



Nestlé purchased the Aberfoyle Springs Company in 2000,⁷ and a 2002 Management report from the company noted, "We are converting the Aberfoyle brand into Nestlé Pure Life, a transition that will last 18 months".⁸ However it appears that it was first used in the US as the trademark but was not registered in Canada until 2003.⁹

¹ <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/aberfoyle-guelph-water-Branestle-bottling-plant-tour-1.3825916>

² <https://www.thestar.com/business/2016/08/24/activists-urge-ontario-to-reject-nestles-water-taking-permit-renewal-in-town-of-aberfoyle.html>

³ http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/water-sources-n-quality/middlebrook-project/documents/middlebrook%20open%20house%20feedback%20report_sept%2011%202015_final.pdf

⁴ <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/nestl%C3%A9-says-middlebrook-well-for-future-business-and-aberfoyle-backup-1.3774162>

⁵ <http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/media/pressreleases/nestl%C3%A9-waterscanadaanditsemployeessignupforchilliwack%E2%80%99sadopt-a-roadprogram>

⁶ <http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0895213&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1>

⁷ <http://www.bloomberg.com/research/stocks/private/snapshot.asp?privcapId=6529433>

⁸ [https://bib.kuleuven.be/files/ebib/jaarverslagen/Nestle_2002\(7\).pdf](https://bib.kuleuven.be/files/ebib/jaarverslagen/Nestle_2002(7).pdf)

⁹ <http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0895213&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1>

Today they market their water under the name "Nestlé Pure Life Natural Spring Water".¹⁰ Nestlé Canada's website also list several other brand names including: Nestlé Pure Life Splash, Montclair, Perrier, S. Pellegrino, and Acqua Panna.¹¹ However it not clear which if any of these are bottled in Canada.

History of Nestlé and Acquisitions

In 1970 the Perrier Group formed to market the Perrier brand of carbonated water in the US and Canada¹² the company would later change its name to Nestlé Water, when it amalgamated with other corporations such as Nestlé and Power Bar. The Canadian amalgamation of these entities, Nestlé Canada Inc. was formed on Feb 28th 2001.¹³

In the year 2000 they purchased a Canadian bottled water company, Aberfoyle Springs Ltd.¹⁴ At the time of the sale the company had 169 employees and their annual sales were projected at C\$125 million, and not only owned the Aberfoyle Bottling plant, but also the Hope BC plant.¹⁵ Prior to that, the company was owned by the Sarjeant Company,¹⁶ a large corporate firm that was also involved in other forms of extraction including fuel oil, concrete and aggregate.¹⁷ Records show that the Sarjeant Company owned Aberfoyle Springs since at least 1991, when they applied for a trademark on the Aberfoyle brand.¹⁸

ABERFOYLE RENEWAL

Aberfoyle Springs has been drawing water in Puslinch since at least 1993¹⁹, however the company was likely drawing water before that as they applied for a trademark on their Aberfoyle Brand in 1991.²⁰ It is not clear at this point how much water the company was permitted to withdraw from the watershed.

In 1996 the Company made an application with the province to draw 654,637 litres per day (144,000 Imperial gallons)²¹, The government posted this for public

¹⁰ <http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/brands/nestle-pure-life-natural-spring-water>

¹¹ <http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/brands/>

¹² <http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/aboutus/our-history>

¹³ http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/gazette/2001/pdf/0331_i.pdf

¹⁴ <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/the-perrier-group-agrees-to-acquire-the-operations-of-canadian-aberfoyle-springs-limited-75139852.html>

¹⁵ <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/the-perrier-group-agrees-to-acquire-the-operations-of-canadian-aberfoyle-springs-limited-75139852.html>

¹⁶ [http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-](http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0681944&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1)

[cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0681944&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1](http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0681944&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1)

¹⁷ http://www.simcoelife.ca/sites/simcoelife_ca/upload/PDFs/2009-feb-simcoelife.pdf

¹⁸ [http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-](http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0681944&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1)

[cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0681944&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1](http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0681944&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1)

¹⁹ http://self.gutenberg.org/articles/eng/Nestl%C3%A9_Waters_North_America

²⁰ [http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-](http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0895213&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1)

[cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0895213&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1](http://www.ic.gc.ca/app/opic-cipo/trdmrks/srch/vwTrdmrk.do?lang=eng&status=&fileNumber=0895213&extension=0&startingDocumentIndexOnPage=1)

²¹ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MzA2Nw==&statusId=MzMwNjc=>

comment, but the later noted that “This proposal was posted in error as it is for a taking of less than one year.”²²

Aberfoyle Springs’ 1997 application to draw 1,152,000 Imperial Gallons (5,237,000 Liters) per day was denied.²³

Another proposal was made in 1997, the public had the right to comment on the proposal, but no one made any comment. It was not until 2000, after 3 years of negotiations the province, denied this application and instead issued a permit to draw 576,000 Imperial Gallons (2,618,000 litres) per day.²⁴ This application was renewed in 2003, and at this point two members of the public commented on the application.²⁵

They received new permits in 2005²⁶, and in 2008²⁷, to take a daily maximum of 3.6 million litres per day. During the official period to comment the 2005 permit received 2 comments from the public.²⁸ However during the 2008 official period to comment the government received 8178 comments, with 6084 of them in writing, and 2094 received online.²⁹

The large number of comments can attributed to the growing public opposition organized by Wellington Water Watchers, which formed in 2007³⁰, and incorporated In April 2008.

There were concerns identified at the time about the flow reversal of Mill Creek. (coming soon, Wellington Water Watcher’s technical submission in 2007)

On Oct. 21, 2008, the Environment Commissioner of Ontario issued their 2007/2008 report called [Getting to K\(NO\)W](#). Key findings were that Ontario Undervalues Water. A header stating *The Need to Prioritize Public Water Uses Over Private Water Bottling* included a full report on the 2007 local opposition to the Nestlé Aberfyle renewal bid.

In April 2011, an application received 1015 public comments. The government approved the application granting a permit to allow Nestlé to draw 3,600,000 Liters per day.³¹

²² <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MzA2Nw==&statusId=MzA2Nw==&language=en>

²³ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=ODU3MA==&statusId=ODU3MA==>

²⁴ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=ODU3MA==&statusId=ODU3MA==>

²⁵ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTc5Nzk=&statusId=MTc5Nzk=>

²⁶ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MjUzMDI=&statusId=MjUzMDI=&language=en>

²⁷ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTAwMjEw&statusId=MTU0MzYz>

²⁸ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MjUzMDI=&statusId=MjUzMDI=&language=en>

²⁹ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTAwMjEw&statusId=MTU0MzYz>

³⁰ <http://wellingtonwaterwatchers.ca/about-us/>

³¹ <https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTEyMjA2&statusId=MTY5NDgw>

The 2011 permit expired on July 31, 2016.³² However once their permit expired they continued to keep drawing water at that same rate while they applied for a new permit, with the approval of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.³³

Shortly after the 2011 permit expired, Stan Denhoed, a Hydrologist the President of Harden Environmental³⁴ presented a report to Puslinch Council on August 10th 2016 which concluded that Nestles water drawing will further diminish the reduced ground water discharge into Aberfoyle Creek, that there is a potential for this to indirectly impact the quality of the water in private wells, and the Nestlé water taking has the potential to degrade the quality of water in tow local aquifers, the Goat Island and Gasport aquifers.³⁵

That summer saw a severe drought in the region,³⁶ and public opposition to Nestlé's water drawing in the Aberfoyle region grew.

In September Councilor James Gordon introduced a motion at Guelph City Council calling for that city, the largest in area, to ask the province not to renew Nestlé's water taking permit. A large protest against Nestlé's water taking also took place.³⁷

As opposition grew, the province responded by proposing a measure in October that would block new and expanded permits to take ground water for bottled water for two years, however the measures would not impact the ability of Nestlé to renew its Aberfoyle or Erin wells.³⁸ The two-year moratorium on new water extraction permits for bottled water would also only apply until shortly after the next provincial election which will take place on or before June 7th 2018.³⁹

ERIN WELL / Hillsburgh Well

Although it is not clear when Nestlé began drawing water in Erin, their permit was renewed in 2001, after 9 comments from the public, giving them the ability to draw, 113,000 litres per day.⁴⁰ They were also issued permit renewals in 2005,⁴¹ 2007⁴². Their 2005 permit received 2 comments during the application process⁴³, the 2007 permit received 97.⁴⁴

³² <https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTEyMjA2&statusId=MTY5NDgw>

³³ <https://www.corporate.nestle.ca/en/ask-nestle/water/answers/renewal-permit-aberfoyle-2016>

³⁴ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/stan-denhoed-70a05713>

³⁵ http://www.saveourwater.ca/puslinch_report_suggests_nestl_operations_impact_local_groundwater

³⁶ <http://www.guelphmercury.com/news-story/6757971-ontario-farmers-face-severe-drought/>

³⁷ <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/nestle-guelph-rally-nestle-water-aberfoyle-1.3779649>

³⁸ <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/ontario-proposes-new-rules-for-bottled-water-companies/article32386149/>

³⁹ <http://www.am980.ca/2016/11/05/119293/>

⁴⁰ <http://docs.assets.eco.on.ca/reports/environmental-protection/2001-2002/2001-02-AR-Supp.pdf>

⁴¹ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB->

External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MjA2NjQ=&statusId=MjA2NjQ=&language=en

⁴² <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTAwMzE3&statusId=MTUxNDQ5>

Between 2007 and the expiry of their permit in 2012, local opposition to Nestlé water extraction had grown. Wellington Water Watchers, as well as a group formed in the local area called *Friends of Hillsburgh Water*, Strongly opposed the application.⁴⁵ *Friends of Hillsburgh Water* on multiple occasion packed Erin's council chambers in support of a motion to have council speak out against extending the permit.⁴⁶ In the end the government received 798 comments on the proposed permit.⁴⁷

On top of that the Guelph region was going through a severe and lengthy drought in 2012.⁴⁸

But in September 2012 the government granted them a permit to draw as much as 1,362,240 liters in a day, so long as the average amount of water they withdrew in a year did not exceed 113,000 liters per day. This permit is not set to expire until 2017.⁴⁹ The permit also put certain conditions on Nestlé on how much water they could draw during a drought.⁵⁰

However Nestlé did not appreciate the decision to limit their water taking during droughts, and appealed the decision.⁵¹ Wellington Water Watchers and Council of Canadian⁵² with the assistance of Eco Justice⁵³ sought the right to oppose Nestlé's motions at the tribunal, which would hear the matter, after they were granted status at the tribunal Nestlé withdrew its appeal.⁵⁴

Water from the well in Erin is, brought to Nestlé's Aberfoyle bottling plant in Puslinch by tanker truck.⁵⁵

As opposition has grown, the province responded by proposing a measure in October that would block new and expanded permits to take ground water for bottled water for two years, however the measures would not impact the ability of Nestlé to renew its Aberfoyle or Hillsburgh wells.⁵⁶ The two-year moratorium on new water extraction permits for bottled water would also only apply until shortly after the next provincial election which will take place on or before June 7th 2018.⁵⁷

⁴³ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MjA2NjQ=&statusId=MjA2NjQ=&language=en>

⁴⁴ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTAwMzE3&statusId=MTUxNDQ5>

⁴⁵ <http://wellingtonwaterwatchers.ca/campaigns/hillsburgh/>

⁴⁶ <http://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/index.cfm?page=detail&itmno=12103>

⁴⁷ <http://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/index.cfm?page=detail&itmno=12103>

⁴⁸ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTE2MzU0&statusId=MTgwNzg0>

⁴⁹ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTE2MzU0&statusId=MTc2MDY4>

⁵⁰ <http://www.ecojustice.ca/case/nestle-water-takings-in-ontario/>

⁵¹ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTE2MzU0&statusId=MTc2MjI2>

⁵² <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTE2MzU0&statusId=MTgwNzg0>

⁵³ <http://www.ecojustice.ca/case/nestle-water-takings-in-ontario/>

⁵⁴ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTE2MzU0&statusId=MTgwNzg0>

⁵⁵ http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/water-sources-n-quality/middlebrook-project/documents/middlebrook%20open%20house%20feedback%20report_sept%2011%202015_final.pdf

⁵⁶ <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/ontario-proposes-new-rules-for-bottled-water-companies/article32386149/>

⁵⁷ <http://www.am980.ca/2016/11/05/119293/>

MIDDLEBROOK WELL

Since the year 2000 the Middlebrook Water Company operated⁵⁸ in Centre Wellington Township, near Elora. Their permit to draw 300 gallons of water per minute was set to expire in October 2015⁵⁹.

In April 2015 several Centre Wellington residents banded together to form the group Save Our Water to help protect water in the watershed⁶⁰, and oppose any efforts by Nestlé to have their permit renewed⁶¹.

However by August 2015 it had become public that Nestlé has made a conditional offer to buy the property and accompanying well, and over 130 people attended an information session held by the company.⁶² However the offer was conditional because Nestlé was not ready to complete the purchase until Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change approved their application to conduct a pump test on the property⁶³, which would allow the company to take water for testing purposes over a two-year period.⁶⁴

On August 12th 2015 the Haudenosaunee Development Institute, a group based in the Six Nations Territory, sent a letter to Glen Murray the then Minister of the Environment in response to Nestlé plan to the purchase the Middlebrook water Co. stating that their people had “rights and interests in the area contemplated by your Project, including treaty rights documented in the 1701 Treaty of Albany.... and that the Project would have a significant impact and infringement upon those rights and interests.”⁶⁵

On October 1st 2015 Nestlé submitted an application to conduct a short-term aquifer pump test over an up to two-year period⁶⁶. Typically aquifer pump tests are granted right away, but the government stalled in granting them a permit, and none has yet been issued⁶⁷.

In May of 2016 Garry Hunter Environmental and Engineering Consulting firm, Hunter and Associates submitted a report to Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change that concluded that the planned growth in the township of Centre Wellington will soon lead to a water shortage, forcing the municipality to find new sources of water, and that Nestlé’s planned “[t]aking of large quantities of water from the Middlebrook well would restrict the ability of the Township to

⁵⁸ <http://www.manta.com/ic/mt62y7t/ca/middle-brook-water-company>

⁵⁹ <http://www.thespec.com/news-story/5788185-elora-residents-worried-over-nestl-well-water/>

⁶⁰ <http://www.saveourwater.ca/about>

⁶¹ http://www.saveourwater.ca/basic_facts_pamphlet

⁶² <http://www.thespec.com/news-story/5788185-elora-residents-worried-over-nestl-well-water/>

⁶³ <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/nestle-elora-water-middlebrook-purchase-1.3718383>

⁶⁴ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB->

External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI1Nzk0&statusId=MTg5NDk3&language=en

⁶⁵ <http://canadians.org/sites/default/files/HDI%20letter%20Nestle.pdf>

⁶⁶ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB->

External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI1Nzk0&statusId=MTg5NDk3&language=en

⁶⁷ <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/ontario-proposes-new-rules-for-bottled-water-companies/article32386149/>

secure an additional source of water within close proximity to the municipality ... as well as remove this water from the aquifer system thereby reducing overall available water in the Elora-Fergus area.⁶⁸

Although Nestlé's plan to purchase the Middlebrook well was contingent upon results of the aquifer pump test⁶⁹, Nestlé announced on August 12th 2016 that they had purchased the property.⁷⁰ Nestlé decided to exercise their right to waive their prior conditions and purchase the Middle Brook Water Company property even though the official test had not been undertaken – they did so because another unnamed party had made an offer on the property.⁷¹

A few days later the Township of Centre Wellington revealed that they were other party that had made an offer on the property in a failed attempt to block Nestlé from drawing water from the Middlebrook property.⁷²

If Nestlé receives a permit to draw water from the Middlebrook well, their plan is to ship it by tanker truck to their bottling plant in Puslinch.⁷³

However in October the province has responded to growing public pressure by proposing a measure that would block new and expanded permits to take ground water for bottled water for two years, which would put Nestlé's plans for the Middlebrook well hold⁷⁴ until after the next provincial election which will take place on or before June 7th 2018.⁷⁵

⁶⁸http://www.saveourwater.ca/text_of_delegation_to_township_of_centre_wellington_council_sept_26

⁶⁹ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI1Nzk0&statusId=MTg5NDk3&language=en>

⁷⁰ <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI1Nzk0&statusId=MTg5NDk3&language=en>

⁷¹ <http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/media/pressreleases/nestl-waters-canada-announces-the-purchase-of-the-middlebrook-water-company-property>

⁷² <http://www.centrewellington.ca/ourgovernment/Pages/News%20and%20Announcements/News-and-Notice-Description.aspx?NewsID=140>

⁷³ http://www.nestle-waters.ca/en/water-sources-n-quality/middlebrook-project/documents/middlebrook%20open%20house%20feedback%20report_sept%2011%202015_final.pdf

⁷⁴ <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/ontario-proposes-new-rules-for-bottled-water-companies/article32386149/>

⁷⁵ <http://www.am980.ca/2016/11/05/119293/>