

GRAND AGENDA FOR GROUNDWATER ACTION

Municipal governments should take the following actions now to protect groundwater:

Municipal governments can pass resolutions that call on the Ontario government to:



Impose an immediate moratorium on all new aggregate extraction

licenses in moraines, whether or not they fall within the Ontario Greenbelt



Expand the Ontario Green Belt and the 'blue belt' of waters it protects



Provide clean water on First Nations reserves



Phase out permits to take water for bottling



Ban hydraulic fracturing within the municipality and the Grand River watershed

Municipal governments can use their authority to:



Protect wetlands, moraines and other vital groundwater recharge sites within the municipality through municipal planning and development processes



Ban the sale and use of bottled water in municipal facilities —as part of a strategy to eliminate single-use plastic items such as plastic bags and plastic straws



Clean up brownfield sites



Prohibit private/public partnerships in municipal water systems.



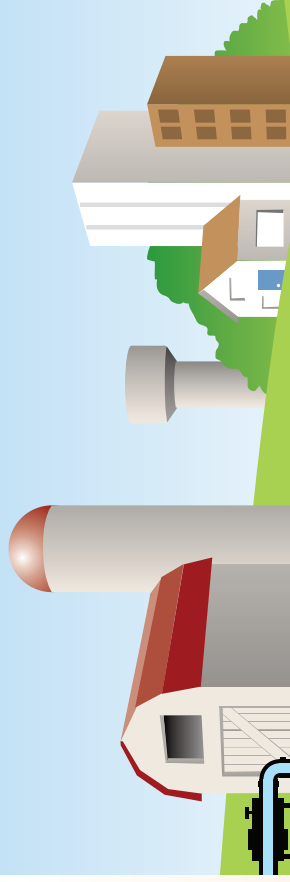
Develop climate adaptation strategies that:

- anticipate long-term water needs
- develop response plans for flooding, prolonged drought, and other water emergencies
- mitigate the particular impacts of climate emergencies, including water insecurity, on vulnerable populations including seniors, homeless, marginalized communities, and people of colour

The groundwater of the Grand River watershed is at risk—let's make it a local election issue

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Ask your candidates for Guelph City Council to support the Grand Agenda for Groundwater Action



See inside for list of urgent actions

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Ask your Guelph candidates to protect our groundwater by supporting these **URGENT ACTIONS**



Support a Council resolution to oppose the renewal of Nestlé's permit to take water in Aberfoyle



Fulfill the commitment to establish the Hanlon Creek Conservancy and Nature Reserve and not consider any sale of possible surplus lands until the Nature Reserve is fully established and functioning



Support a Council resolution to include public lands of Guelph's urban river corridor in an expanded Bluebelt



End aggregate extraction at the Dolime quarry, and ensure the highest quality mitigation of the aquitard breach and of other damage already done, with expenses covered by the quarry's owner rather than Guelph ratepayers



Ensure the sensitive development of Clair-Maltby

- Set population density at a maximum of 12,050
- Protect the natural water recharge functions
- Provide a full range and maximum size of parks as suggested by the *Official Plan - Urban Squares, Neighbourhood, Community and Regional Parks*
- Focus on low-carbon transportation infrastructure to all amenities and residences
- Restore, protect and maintain the integrity of the Natural Heritage System in the area including the tree canopy and the moraine topography
- Protect the heritage buildings and landscapes identified in the area
- Organize a city-wide consultation that includes all groups and organizations that are involved in city building
- Obtain free, prior and informed consent from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, as per the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* before initiating Phase 3 development activities for Clair-Maltby

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