



January 11, 2011

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**RE: ARTICLE IN THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS DATED JANUARY 11, 2011  
“TRUSTEE DECLARES WAR ON PLASTIC”**

---

In this newspaper article, Mr. Babinsky wants the Winnipeg School Division to ban the sale of plastic bottles and he raises points that I most certainly agree with. One of the points being that drinking from public drinking fountains is fine and the City of Winnipeg has invested \$1 billion in water treatment facilities and the city has among the best water in the world.

In my view, public water should be free and available to everyone. The sale of bottled water suggests that public water is unsafe and compromises the perception that public drinking water is safe to drink. Winnipeg’s standards regarding our drinking water and sewage treatment is among the highest in the world and we should be educating the public that we have good, safe, clean drinking water that is affordable for all citizens.

We don’t need “for profit” water sales to provide clean, safe drinking water to the citizens of our city.

Mike Davidson  
President, CUPE Local 500  
(Cell # 995-4182)

ng/cope 342