

Sisters and Brothers,

As I'm sure many of you already know, the city of Guelph is conducting a service review of solid waste collection, sorting and processing in the city. This is the first in what is expected to be a series of reviews of public services in the city.

The city has hired Dillon Consulting, a high-priced consultant to lead the review. In situations like these consultants tend to recommend one course of action – privatization – usually because they stand to benefit financially from this decision somewhere down the line.

The threat of privatization should be a concern to all members of local 241. The potential loss of jobs will have effects throughout different job classifications, and future service reviews will take aim at the rest of the work that our members do. That is why it is important to stand up now to defend publicly owned and delivered services in the city of Guelph.

We have already begun the campaign to raise public awareness and support for city services. We conducted an info picket outside of a council meeting and handed out flyers at the Labour Day parade.

We launched a website: [KeepGuelphPublic.ca](http://KeepGuelphPublic.ca) which has resources that show how publicly owned and delivered services are better for the environment, more accountable and have higher resident satisfaction than privately owned services. The site contains an online petition where residents can enter their postal code and email the mayor and their city councillors.

Between now and September 18 – when the service review will be delivered to council we need to get as much public pressure on councillors as possible. We have already begun a lobbying campaign and are working with councillors who support publicly owned and delivered services to influence the others on this decision.

Here is what you can do to help:

- Call your councillor
- Encourage your friends and family to call their councillors
- Share [KeepGuelphPublic.ca](http://KeepGuelphPublic.ca) on social media
- Volunteer to hand out flyers or participate in other events

Together we can stand up for publicly owned and delivered services.

In solidarity,

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