

The Continuing Tale of One City and Privatization

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The companion paper *"An Analysis of a Public- Private Sector Partnership: The Hamilton-Wentworth-Philip Utilities Management Corporation PPP"*, prepared for CUPE is an account of the first four years of Canada's first extensive public private partnership agreement. This paper will fill out and update the situation as it has evolved with the new public partner, Azurix Corporation, from 1999 to the present. While CUPE's paper is written from a labour perspective, this paper will be written from the environmental public interest perspective of the Canadian Environmental Law Association. It is our goal to evaluate the value of this "partnership" not simply from a fiscal perspective but to also look at the partnership's ecological footprint and impact on the well being of the Hamilton environment and community. The Hamilton community has invested considerable efforts to bring back one of the Great Lakes best natural harbours from a century of abuse. We will examine what privatization has meant for those efforts.