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**[Candidate] and Greens will Protect Canada’s Water**

**(CITY) October 5, 2015**—[Candidate], Green Party candidate (Riding), supports Green Leader [Elizabeth May](http://www.greenparty.ca/en/riding/2013-59027) (Saanich-Gulf Islands) and her plans for a National Water Policy.

[CANDIDATE QUOTE]

The Green Party has pledged to:

* [Reverse radical changes to the Fisheries Act](http://prospects.greenparty.ca/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=9142&qid=2626817" \t "_blank) contained in Harper’s first omnibus bill and invest $24 million per year in wild fisheries and rivers, including small scale projects to restore and enhance wild fish stocks;
* Reverse Harper’s changes to the Navigable Waters Protection Act which delisted the vast majority of Canada’s lakes and rivers from protection;
* Work through our [Council of Canadian Governments](http://prospects.greenparty.ca/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=9143&qid=2626817" \t "_blank) (First Nation Communities, municipal, provincial, and federal governments) to create a National Water Policy;
* [Invest $800 million per year for basic infrastructure for Canada’s First Nations communities](http://prospects.greenparty.ca/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=9142&qid=2626817" \t "_blank), including drinking water and adequate housing;
* Continue to oppose large-scale exports (bulk exports) of our freshwater, which is threatened by the Trans-Pacific Partnership;
* Support international momentum for the human right to water by establishing a national legally binding human right to basic water requirements for all Canadians (both quality and quantity); and
* Increase Canadian aid for access to basic water requirements and sanitation consistent with the Millennium Development Goals.

“Water is life. The Green Party’s vision for our water is clear: keep it, conserve it, and protect it,” said Ms. May. “We will defend Canada’s water from bulk exports, create a National Water Policy, and restore Canada’s environmental laws to protect our waterways.

“The Green Party is the only party that will stand up to defend Canada’s coastlines and protect our rivers from reckless pipeline projects that could instantly destroy our fragile water supply.”

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