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Water is life. Protect it. Don't commodify it.

Video available - Alternative Water Futures: The need for non-market solutions to Alberta's water crisis

- ****Video now available of Schmidt's presentation: [click here to watch](#) ^[1] ****
- **Jeremy Schmidt**, Trudeau Scholar and author of the Parkland Institute research report, "Alternative Water Futures in Alberta," toured the province, speaking in Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. The tour, which ran December 5th to 9th, 2011, was very successful, generating important conversation and action toward protecting Alberta's water in the public interest
- The "Alternative Water Futures in Alberta" report is available online: [Click here for the Parkland Institute media release](#) ^[2] with link to the report in PDF

Tell the U of A that Nestlé Chair Peter Brabeck-Letmathe doesn't deserve an honorary degree.

- The University of Alberta has **announced** ^[3] that on March 1, 2012 it will award an honorary degree to Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, the Chair of Nestle, the world's largest multinational food and water corporation and the largest bottled water corporation in the world.
- Nestle has been a leading force in pushing the privatization and commodification of water globally. Nestle has also been pushing water markets in Alberta. Peter Brabeck-Letmathe has bragged that Nestle is "actively dealing with the government of Alberta to think about a water exchange." His comments come at a time when our network and many Albertans have been raising concerns about the serious problems with water markets and pushing for the government to consult with Albertans.
- **On March 1, there will be a [demonstration](#) ^[4] at the Timms Centre in opposition to the university rewarding this type of corporate record.**
- **Please click [here](#) ^[5] for the full action alert with more information. Or use the Council of Canadians' [online form](#) ^[6] to email the University.**

Special Advance Screening of *Bottled Life: Nestle's Business with Water*

On February 28 & 29, 2012, the Council of Canadians U of A Chapter is hosting two special advance screenings of the new film ***Bottled Life: Nestle's Business with Water***. [Click here to learn more.](#) ^[7]

Open Letter

- [Click here](#) ^[8] to read our open letter to the Minister of Environment and Water, and to add your name to this call.

Learn more

- Visit our [Issues & Information section](#) ^[9] to learn more about the threat of water markets in Alberta
- Or browse our [Resources page](#) ^[10] for reports, backgrounders and more.

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