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Tell him or her you want a public wastewater treatment plant, not a private P3 scheme.

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# Don't Let Prince Edward County Flush Our Tax Dollars Down The Toilet



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**On Monday, September 22, County Council will decide whether to build our new wastewater treatment plant as a public venture or pay a group of companies to design, build and operate it as a “public private partnership” (P3). Other cities, including Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Windsor and Kingston, have studied and rejected the P3 model.**

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## **WHY?**

P3s cost more. Tax dollars go straight to private profits. Accountability and community control are weakened.

### **1. P3s COST MORE**

Private companies borrow money at higher rates than municipalities, adding millions of dollars to the cost of community facilities. As well, there are significant additional costs just for negotiating these private deals.



### **2. YOUR TAX DOLLARS FUND PROFITS, NOT SERVICES**

Private operators are in the business of making a profit. That often leads to poorer service, lower standards and lower wages for workers, just to keep the facility operating.

### **3. THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY**

A private P3 wastewater treatment plant makes public control and accountability impossible. Information about the operation and costs of the facility will be secret. These private contracts can lock your Council into a deal for 25 years or more.

Sure, we want good jobs in our community. But we also want good value for our tax dollars. P3s don't provide that.

**Don't let Prince Edward County flush our tax dollars down the toilet.**

For more information on P3s, please visit:  
[www.cupe.on.ca/nopictonp3](http://www.cupe.on.ca/nopictonp3)