



City looks for sponsor for 'water mobiles'

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The City of Ottawa will only move ahead with a \$200,000-plan to purchase two water trailers for special events if it can find a corporate sponsor.

The so-called "water mobiles" would be designed to stop residents from drinking bottled water as part of a larger initiative to encourage residents to get their water from the tap or fountain. "To say we won't do it because it's going to cost money is putting our heads in the sand," said Coun. Marianne Wilkinson.

Meanwhile, Coun. Bob Monette was critical of the plan. He said he's not convinced water mobiles would help educate people about tap water.

"I'm 58 years old, and I remember for at least 55 years where I have been drinking city water. Never once have I had to have a water mobile to tell me water is safe to drink," he said.

A city committee recently agreed to move forward with a \$1 million program over five years to encourage residents to drink water from the tap.