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There are good reasons—ethical, environmental, and economic—for cancelling the dam and leading the province to act with honour in this terrible situation caused by Liberal mismanagement.

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# *Sustainable BC*

The NDP vision for a British Columbia of healthy people and communities, a clean, productive environment, and a vibrant, diversified economy.

Prepared by the NDP Standing Committee on the Environment for  
an Ecologically and Economically Sustainable Future (SCOEE)

Adopted at the BC NDP Provincial Convention

Vancouver, B.C.

November 17, 2007

# ***Sustainable BC***

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## What *Sustainable BC* means to our Province and our Party

**The very essence of leadership  
is that you have to have a vision.**  
- Theodore Hesburgh,

***Sustainable BC*** is the NDP vision for our Province in which dedication to a sustainable future supports healthy people and communities, a clean, productive environment, and a vibrant, diversified economy.

We believe that ***Sustainable BC*** reflects the hopes and dreams of the majority of British Columbians. Often motivated by the immense implications of climate change, citizens from diverse backgrounds recognize that sustainability is the fundamental challenge of our era.

***Sustainable BC*** brings NDP values together in one clear statement of purpose, intention and commitment. It provides a bold vision of what an NDP government could do to sustain people today, while ensuring that the world we enjoy will remain healthy and productive for generations to come. It provides a “lens” through which policies and projects can be assessed for compatibility with principles of sustainability. It can bring communities, labour, business, government and the non-profit sector together in a powerful consensus that includes all British Columbians.

***Sustainable BC*** was adopted unanimously by delegates from across the province at the November, 2007 convention of the BC NDP. Delegates also called on the party’s executive to draft an action plan for consideration by Provincial Council that will engage British Columbians in a discussion of ***Sustainable BC***, and develop practical strategies for its implementation by an NDP government. (Both resolutions are attached as an appendix to this document)

Through province-wide discussion and consensus-building, ***Sustainable BC*** can become a persuasive central theme of the 2009 provincial election campaign.

***Sustainable BC*** proposes to British Columbians a vision for a future we can choose and a province we can create

## ***SUSTAINABLE BC***

### **Vision**

***Sustainable BC*** is the NDP vision for our province where dedication to the principles of sustainability secures for present and future generations the benefits of a healthy environment and a decent, just and sustaining society.

Where there is no vision the people perish  
- Book of Proverbs

### **Characteristics of *Sustainable BC***

- ❖ **Environmental stewardship** through public, corporate and personal actions that restore and maintain ecosystem health; reduce human impact on our planet's life support systems; and preserve the diversity of plant and animal species.
- ❖ **A diversified economy** that operates within the environmental carrying capacity and serves the needs and aspirations of people and local communities, thereby contributing to genuine socio-economic progress for the Province as a whole.
- ❖ **Equity** in sharing the wealth of the Province fairly amongst all British Columbians through principles of justice and compassion, while recognizing that what we leave to future generations is a sacred trust and the best measure of who we are.
- ❖ **Individual and community well-being** that results from all of the above and that is built on mutual respect; co-operation; economic, social and political democracy; and the shared enjoyment of natural, constructed, creative and spiritual elements of our common heritage and sense of place.

The significant problems we face cannot  
be solved at the same level of thinking we  
were at when we created them.  
- Albert Einstein

**Guiding principles are essential when we create the policies and programs needed to realize the vision of *Sustainable BC***

## **Principles of *Sustainable BC***

**Ecosystem Protection:** As the life support system for all species including humanity, the environment must be protected from pollution or other degradation of air, water or soil exceeding that which can be safely absorbed or renewed by nature.

**Resource Conservation:** The principles of “reduce, reuse and recycle” must govern the use of all materials and energy. Renewable resource use should be less than the rate of replenishment, while non-renewable resource use must be decreased in order to conserve and share equitably with future generations.

**Biodiversity:** Protection of the diversity of plant and animal species is essential if ecosystems are to thrive and maintain the resilience necessary for adaptation and survival.

**Resilience:** As in nature, diversity needs to be fostered in communities and in economic, social and infrastructure systems in order to lessen vulnerability to risk, uncertainty, and surprise; to maintain flexibility; to aid adaptation in the face of adversity; and to facilitate future innovation.

**Protection for the “Commons:”** Shared public trusts like water, air, fish and wildlife; our heritage of parks and protected areas; cultural and intellectual assets; and amenities such as health care, education, public utilities and infrastructure, must be held and managed in the public interest over and above any private or individual interests.

**Food Security:** Healthful food for consumers and increased local and provincial food self-sufficiency are essential for a sustainable society. This requires a protected agricultural land base, environmentally sustainable farm practices and economic viability for food producers.

**Social Equity:** The resources and benefits derived from the natural environment and from social and economic activities should be equitably shared, recognizing that every British Columbian has the right to clean air and water, healthful food, adequate shelter, quality education and health care, safe surroundings, a sustainable livelihood, and active participation in the economy.

**Full Cost Economics:** Short and long term environmental, social and economic impacts need to be taken into account at both the local and the provincial level. This requires true costs to be accurately reflected in the price of all goods and services in order to discourage pollution and resource waste, and encourage innovation, socially and environmentally responsible behaviour, and true progress toward sustainability.

**Precautionary Principle:** Given the best available information, where there is no scientific consensus on risks that specific actions or policies might pose to human health or the environment, decisions must err on the side of caution. Lack of scientific certainty should not be used as a reason to delay action to prevent harm, where a threat to health or the environment exists.

**Adaptive Management:** The use of best available practices and technologies needs to occur within a culture of continuous learning, adequate monitoring and a commitment to modify strategic directions in order to achieve sustainability objectives.

**Democracy and Due Process:** Access to full and accurate information concerning all elements of public policy, meaningful opportunities to participate in decisions that effect them, and entitlement to fair treatment by the judicial system are fundamental rights of all citizens.

**Just Transition:** Mechanisms must be in place to manage the transition toward **Sustainable BC** so that everyone takes responsibility and no one bears an unfair share of the burden of change.

#### PREAMBLE to the Earth Charter

We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.



Principles must lead to action if the NDP vision of *Sustainable BC* is to become reality. Here are some key directions.

## ***Sustainable BC***

Laying the groundwork:

### **Creating the tools**

**A *Sustainable BC* Act** in which British Columbians make a formal and enduring commitment to social, environmental and economic sustainability.

**Sustainability Benchmarks** that include target dates and systems of measurement to ensure progress towards a sustainable environment, economy and society. A Commissioner for Sustainability would report annually to the legislature on accomplishment of benchmark goals.

**Genuine Progress Indicators** that measure progress toward a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable society, supplementing or replacing the GDP which only measures total dollar expenditures irrespective of damage or benefit to society or the environment.

**An Environmental Bill of Rights** that empowers citizens to protect the environment, their communities and their health through the Courts.

A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.

- Aldo Leopold

## Laying the groundwork:

### Some Policy Guideposts

**Comprehensive, integrated land and water use planning** that develops sustainability strategies for all areas of the province. Included would be significant sectors such as:

- Forestry
- Food and Agriculture
- Transportation
- Energy
- Tourism and Recreation
- Community Planning
- Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Environments
- Mining
- Waste Management

#### **Effective climate change initiatives that:**

- ensure all BC policies and practices meet or exceed national and international commitments to reduce greenhouse gases;
- commit public and encourage private investment in energy efficiency and conservation, and facilitate widespread development of low environmental impact, renewable sources of energy such as geothermal, solar, wind and tidal;
- apply carbon taxes to motivate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by ensuring that prices of fossil fuels reflect the environmental and social costs of their production and use, while building in “just transition” measures to minimize impacts on low-income households; and
- develop adaptation mechanisms to cope with increasing vulnerability, uncertainty and surprise inevitable in a future dominated by climate change.

**Tax shifting measures** that support employment and environmental sustainability by re-directing taxes and tax subsidies to:

- discourage waste and mismanagement of natural resources, pollution of soil, water and air, and production of greenhouse gases; and
- encourage resource conservation, ecosystem protection, sustainable employment, innovation, social equity and environmentally responsible personal lifestyles.

**Legislated standards and best management practices** that achieve improved management of forest resources, food lands, water, wetlands and biodiversity; increased energy efficiency; and reduced emissions for industry, buildings, motors, and vehicles.

**Producer responsibility legislation** that applies to all products throughout their life cycles, including packaging used when products are sold, and the retrieval and recycling of materials after each use.

**Community priority** that ensures local, regional and First Nations governments have the expertise, resources and authority to design and implement community-based sustainability, ensuring clean air and water, influence over the exploitation and benefits of resource use, meaningful work, good housing, quality education and health care, and recreational opportunities.

**Government-business cooperation** that motivates business to invest in and benefit from ***Sustainable BC*** ; this should include the encouragement of expanded ownership and other inclusive and democratic models of business enterprise.

**Extension education programs** that encourage all members and sectors of society (including Government, First Nations, Business, Labour, and Non-Profit Organizations) to recognize the opportunities of and contribute to ***Sustainable BC*** .

**Trade policy** that supports fair trade that is socially and environmentally sustainable. Trade agreements must protect the rights of governments and communities to act in the best interests of their citizens, without trade-related infringement on the rights of labour; social services such as Medicare; or security of water, food, energy, and resources.

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## Useful references for further development of ***Sustainable BC***:

- **The Earth Charter**: a global consensus on the meaning and implementation of sustainability principles.
- **The Natural Step**: a concept providing competitive economic advantage for business by imitating natural systems in their diversity and resilience, while reducing waste and dependence on raw materials.
- **Environmental Footprint**: a concept that can measure and guide progress of individuals, corporations, communities and the province toward ***Sustainable BC***.

We have the capacity and ability to create a remarkably different economy, one that can restore ecosystems and protect the environment while bringing forth innovation, prosperity, meaningful work and true security.

– Paul Hawken, “The Ecology of Commerce”

## ***Sustainable BC Resolutions adopted at the BC NDP Provincial Convention***

***November 17, 2007***

**Whereas** sustainability is the urgent issue of our time and British Columbians are growing ever more concerned about climate change and the need to move towards greater economic and ecological sustainability; and

**Whereas** Gordon Campbell and the BC Liberals have failed to provide leadership and are actually moving the Province in the opposite direction; and

**Whereas** continuing along our present course will eventually result in a degraded environment, a weakened economy and stressed communities; and

**Whereas** the BC public is seeking political leadership that is committed to dealing with the sustainability challenges we face and the BC NDP, in our fundamental values, existing policies and progressive initiatives taken while government, is the natural party to take that leadership; and,

**Whereas** political leadership requires a consistent commitment to a set of principles and the support of British Columbians;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the BC NDP adopt the ***Sustainable BC*** Vision and Principles as previously distributed, and that these principles become the foundation upon which Party policy committee work is carried out, and the 2009 provincial election campaign platform is structured;

**And be it further resolved** that the Tools and Policy Guideposts that form part of the ***Sustainable BC*** package previously distributed also be referred to party policy committees and the platform committee for guidance.

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**Whereas** it will require the active participation of British Columbians to ensure that ***Sustainable BC*** becomes the defining issue of the 2009 provincial election campaign;

**Be it therefore resolved** that the BC NDP Executive bring forward to the first Provincial Council meeting in 2008 a draft action plan for engaging and consulting with British Columbians on a ***Sustainable BC*** agenda and that representatives within our allied labour, cooperative, progressive business, environmental, community and social justice movements be engaged to assist in developing practical strategies for an NDP government to implement ***Sustainable BC***.

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Dear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, BC Premier John Horgan and all BC NDP MLAs,

Please cancel the Site C mega-project for several reasons:

1. The Canadian and British Columbia governments would be violating Treaty 8, and of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, “man-camps” are known to be very dangerous places for women and girls, especially Indigenous women and girls.
2. The cost of completing the Site C dam will be so much greater than what has been invested to date and what will be required to decommission the project. The energy that would be generated from the Site C dam is not currently needed in the province.
3. The damming of the Peace River will be an ecological disaster and negatively contribute to climate change. The loss of Indigenous traditional territories, farmland, fish and other wildlife, and natural ecosystems through flooding would be tragic. Instead, we must do all we can to convert to renewable energy sources in order to ensure a future for generations to come.
4. The loss of jobs in the Peace River area will be hard on individuals, families and communities, something no one wants to see. To address these economic consequences, workers from that area could be given first priority in hiring to decommission the Site C mega-project and jobs with renewable and other clean energy projects to be promoted as part of the BC four-part energy and jobs plan.

Please do the right thing and cancel the Site C mega-project immediately, for the benefit of the climate, the beautiful Peace River Valley and our relationships with the Indigenous peoples in the area.

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Dear BC Cabinet ministers,

I am writing you with a strong, heartfelt request to **cancel the Site C mega-project**.

Here are my reasons:

1. The Canadian and British Columbia governments have both acknowledged that we must work toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and have indicated support for the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations, on whose traditional territory the Site C dam is located, are firmly against the Site C mega-project. Going ahead is an unacceptable **violation of Treaty 8**, and of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, “man-camps” are known to be very dangerous places for women and girls, especially Indigenous women and girls.
  2. The **cost** of completing the Site C dam will be so much greater than what has been invested to date and what will be required to decommission the project. The energy that would be generated from the Site C dam is not currently needed in the province, and projections of future demand are based on faulty assumptions of increasing need and a desire to continue to export cheap energy to the US and elsewhere. BC residents will be paying for this costly, unnecessary and disastrous mega-project for decades, both through our taxes and through individual hydro bills.
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- I call on the British Columbia and Canadian governments to do the right thing and cancel the Site C mega-project immediately, for the benefit of the climate, to preserve the beautiful Peace River valley, and to honour our relationships with the Indigenous peoples on whose traditional territory this project is situated.

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Gabriola Island, BC

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:44 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, TRD JTT:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:28 AM  
**To:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Please say "no" to Site C

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CC: Doug Routley, MLA, Nanaimo-North Cowichan

## Crockett, Janine EMPR:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:30 AM  
**To:** Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX  
**Cc:** Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX  
**Subject:** 234506 Please say "no" to Site C

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**From:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:34 PM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Blue River Camp Site For Trans Mountain Expansion Project  
**Attachments:** LETTER RESP BLUE RIVER CAMP SITE KMEP NOV 29-17.pdf

Please info/file.

Thank you

**From:** Colleen Andrew [<mailto:colleenandrew@neskonlith.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 2:08 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Stark, Ryan OGC:IN; [Lindsay\\_Carnes@transmountain.com](mailto:Lindsay_Carnes@transmountain.com)  
**Subject:** Proposed Blue River Camp Site For Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Please find attached letter regarding the above matter

Sending on behalf of Chief Judy Wilson Neskonlith band

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*Colleen Andrew*

*Executive Assistant/Chief & Council*

*Neskonlith Band*

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 11:26 AM  
**To:** justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, TRD JTT:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Please cancel the Site C mega-project immediately  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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2. Damming of the Peace River will be an ecological disaster and negatively contribute to climate change. Site C has more significant negative environmental effects than any other project ever approved under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. Site C is not a climate change solution; it will produce more carbon pollution than the renewable energy portfolios assessed. In addition, [David Suzuki Foundation research](#) estimates ecosystem services from nature in the Peace watershed are conservatively worth \$7.9 billion to \$8.6 billion a year. Instead, we must do all we can to convert to renewable energy sources in order to ensure a future for generations to come.

3. Additional flooding of the Peace Valley will result in loss of invaluable farmland. Using the principals of regenerative agriculture, not only could this region become a significant source of healthy food but also a significant carbon sink through the building of carbon in the soil.

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Large hydro projects across Canada are coming in way over budget and will be penalizing ratepayers for bad utility decisions. In Newfoundland, Muskrat Falls has saddled ratepayers with billions of dollars in extra debt and an inquiry is underway. The money for Site C is coming from all of us. In BC we are in a better position, as the sunk costs of site C are a much smaller fraction of our GDP than Manitoba or Newfoundland.

By focusing on current construction jobs that come at such a high economic and environmental cost, we're wasting our opportunity to become a leader in Canada's fastest growing energy technology sector.

I call on the British Columbia and Canadian governments to do the right thing and cancel the Site C mega-project immediately, for the benefit of the climate, to preserve the beautiful Peace River valley, to preserve our business competitiveness, to save ratepayers now and in the future, from increasing electricity costs and to honour our relationships with the Indigenous peoples on whose traditional territory this project is situated.  
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**From:** FormAssembly <no-reply@formassembly.com> on behalf of s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; AGRI.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Stop Kinder Morgan's illegal construction  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Premier Horgan and Ministers of the Environmental and Land Use Committee,

Your government promised to use “every tool available” to stand up for British Columbians against Kinder Morgan.

The Texas company illegally installed anti-spawning nets in B.C. riverbeds and put our salmon at risk. They have yet to face any consequences for their actions.

Please hold Kinder Morgan accountable for their violation of the law. I urge you to amend their B.C. Environmental Assessment Certificate and halt ongoing permitting until a full investigation can be conducted into this incident.

Kinder Morgan should not receive any more B.C. government permits if they cannot be trusted to obey the law.

Please keep Kinder Morgan out of BC and Canada!!

We, the Secwepemc, have never ceded, surrendered, or given up our sovereign title and rights over the land, waters and resources within Secwepemcul'ecw. We have never provided and will never provide our collective free, prior and informed consent - the minimal international standard - to the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Project or the Kinder Morgan Man Camps.

Kinder Morgan is applying for a 1000-worker Blue River Campsite on 16 hectares of our lands where we harvest berries. We are also opposed to Kinder Morgan's anti-spawning mats. Even though Kinder Morgan has been ordered to stop installing these mats, we have found and removed anti-spawning mats from our waters. Salmon are our sacred lifeline through generations and we will not compromise the health of our salmon.

Kinder Morgan and any other corporate colonial project that seeks to go through and destroy our nation and land will be refused passage.

We stand resolutely together against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon, the waterways.

Man camps provide temporary employee housing to thousands of mostly non-Indigenous male workers – who are legally disallowed from bringing their families – in the resource sector. This is a consistent pattern of the settler state over the past century. Hudson's Bay Company prohibited European women from accompanying, and flooded Indigenous lands with non-Indigenous men who kidnapped, sexually exploited, enslaved and sold Indigenous women.

Please keep all of us women and children safe and respected. We deserve to have a safe, clean, happy and healthy childhood and motherhood. May we be honoured and may Mother Earth be protected.

Thank you for your help,

s.22



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**From:** Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** s.22  
**Cc:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Stop the construction of the Site C dam (ref: 233532)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of October 13, 2017, regarding your opposition to the construction of Site C and your speech at the BC Utilities Commission's (BCUC) public input session.

Your comments have been noted and I appreciate you writing to share them with me. As you know, the provincial government had asked the British Columbia Utilities Commission to review the Site C project, and the BCUC has now completed their review, available for download at: <http://www.sitecinquiry.com/>. In addition, the terms of reference for the BCUC Inquiry Respecting Site C can be viewed at: [https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/DEF\\_terms\\_of\\_reference\\_BCUC.pdf](https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/DEF_terms_of_reference_BCUC.pdf).

Furthermore, I would like to reiterate my ministry's commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to collaborating with First Nations to seek resolutions in British Columbia. I will be reviewing ministry policies and programs to ensure the UNDRIP principles are incorporated.

We also recognize that the harvest of wildlife for food, social and ceremonial purposes by Aboriginal Peoples is entrenched in the Canadian Constitution. Ministry staff and I appreciate that those rights cannot be infringed upon without genuine conservation concerns and deep consultation with affected First Nations.

If you have further questions or comments regarding Site C, please direct them to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, as it is the lead for this project.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Doug Donaldson  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

pc: Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 9:37 PM  
**To:** Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** 233532 Stop the construction of the Site C dam

Dear Minister Donaldson,

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s.22 I would like to share my speech with you to read before your government makes its final decision on the dam. I recognize that the BCUC review is only looking at the economic impacts to the taxpayers and ratepayers of this province, however I strongly felt these words needed to be voiced to a larger audience, not just the committee panel. The provincial and federal governments have committed to implementing UNDRIP and the TRC's Calls to Action. I urge you to cancel the construction of Site C.

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(speech text below)

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Good evening, my name is s.22

s.22 during my research I had the opportunity to visit the Peace River valley and witness the impacts of the Site C dam on the people, lands, and waters of Treaty 8 territory. I want to use these 5 minutes to speak to everyone in this room, and ask that we reflect upon what it means for the Site C dam to be built on treaty land. Especially because in BC, unlike the rest of Canada, hardly any treaties were signed in this province, and Site C is being built in one of the very few areas of BC where European and other settler presence was agreed upon.

To understand the impacts of the Site C project, I needed to visit the 2 existing dams already built on the Peace River: the WAC Bennett dam, and the Peace Canyon dam. At both sites there are information signs acknowledging that these dams are located in Treaty 8 territory. In their description of Treaty 8 the signs state: "Treaty 8 expresses the **solemn promises** made between two peoples. It **calls on us all** to protect First Nations' traditional ways of life and to work together on land use planning."

The history of these previous dams, and the experiences and stories of Indigenous Treaty 8 members – the Dane-Zaa, the Tsay Kay Dene, the Cree, and the Metis – make it clear that all 3 of these dams represent the colonial government breaking its solemn promise with Indigenous peoples. On a scale that is hard to imagine unless you have seen these dams and reservoirs with your own eyes, the WAC Bennett and Peace Canyon dams flooded vast amounts of lands and rivers, displacing and dislocating communities, severing Indigenous peoples' connection to each other, and destroying the plants, animals, medicines, and burial sites sacred to them. All of this was done without any consultation, consent, and in the case of the WAC Bennett dam, hardly any notification to Indigenous communities of the impending flood. Adding insult to injury, flooding causes a build-up of methyl-mercury, poisoning the waters, making the fish - one of their last traditional food sources - toxic to eat.

What happened to the solemn promises to protect Indigenous traditional ways of life? To work together on land use planning? In my interviews with Dane-Zaa members of Treaty 8, the word genocide came up repeatedly. Since European contact, Treaty 8 members have faced sustained efforts of assimilation and genocide, beginning with the extermination of the buffalo, their sacred food source; the destruction of their ancestral lands and their ability to maintain their sacred connection to it; and the poisoning of their remaining ecosystems, their medicines, and their foods. And this legacy of genocide is continuing with the building of the Site C dam.

The willful destruction of the structures and practices that make up a distinct group of people is cultural genocide. Land seizure, forced displacement, the destruction of objects of spiritual value, disruption of cultures and families to prevent values and identity being transmitted from one generation to the next, are all acts of cultural genocide. These descriptions are from The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report, which

identifies Canada's Aboriginal Policy as an act of cultural genocide to gain control over Indigenous land and their resources. The building of Site C dam is proof that these practices are continuing to this day.

We are all treaty people. We all inherit the solemn promises made between Indigenous peoples and the Crown. It is what this country is founded upon. Canada could not exist without its treaties. We are one of the only countries that has Aboriginal and Treaty rights enshrined in our constitution, and yet this seems more and more symbolic since the government can unilaterally decide that infringement of Aboriginal and treaty rights are justified when done for the good of the country.

Infringement of treaty rights were never considered in any of the decisions regarding the approval of Site C. Seemingly it has always been assumed that Site C is in the best interest of BC and Canadians. I am sure there are plenty of other speakers who will speak to the negative impacts of industrial projects on local communities, especially Indigenous women; the loss of agricultural lands and implications for BC's food security; the destruction of rare and sensitive ecosystems; the climate implications from reservoir methane emissions; the inaccurate power demand forecasts; the financial burden BC taxpayers and rate payers will shoulder for generations, and the myriad of options to generate renewable energy without all these negative consequences. The list of reasons to stop this project is much too long. This project is not in the best interest of BC nor Canadians.

We are all treaty people. We have a responsibility to honour our treaties, and renew our solemn promise to Indigenous peoples. At the end of the day it is impossible to put a price tag on all the negative impacts of the Site C dam. And no dollar amount, no figure in BC Hydro's or the Province's ledger that can justify ongoing acts of cultural genocide.

Stop the construction of the Site C dam.

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Saturday, December 2, 2017 8:39 AM

**To:** Eby.MLA, David <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Fwd: Happy Holidays from David Eby

Hi and thanks for the message. Happy holiday's to you and your team.

I've been meaning to drop by and ask how you plan to vote on Site C.  
I understand that you will make a decision on December 8th and announce it the following week?

I wonder if you've considered the impact of these projects on the women and girls in the community?

Man camps are like invading armies and local women and girls face sexual assault, violence and solicitation into the sex trade.

In fact, in preparation for the influx of men to their community, the Nak'azdli near Prince George, are assembling rape kits to gather physical evidence after assaults. A recent study released in February of this year (paid for by the BC government) found that "the potential for sexual assault, violence and disappearances increases with the number of trucks on the road".

We can not longer ignore the entanglement of resource development, environmental degradation and social justice.

I look forward to hearing from you.

sincerely,

s.22

## Firth, Janet EMPR:EX

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**From:** Firth, Janet EMPR:EX on behalf of EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 12:24 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Dulcy LASS:EX  
**Subject:** FW: man camps, etc. - s.22 - EMPR 103518

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 3:00 PM  
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**Categories:** Waiting for advisement

Good Morning Dulcy,

I work at the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Correspondence Unit, & the below emails were forwarded from our MO to our office.

I have a few questions in order to know how to proceed:

- In your Jan 6 email to s.22 you ask if she would meet with MLA Eby to discuss the issue. Did they meet or are they meeting?
- In your Jan 6 email to s.22, you advise her that - The Public Safety ministry [Min. Farnworth] is aware of this issue and is mandated to work on services for women and children facing violence as well as administering Victim Services BC, so this issue falls under both of those categories. If the issue of violence etc. falls under the Ministry of Public Safety, wouldn't they be the appropriate Ministry to respond to s.22
- Can you provide a copy of s.22 email to MLA Eby (as referred to below highlighted in green), to which he responded on Dec 12/17 (highlighted in blue).

Thank you,

*Janet Firth*  
*Correspondence Coordinator*  
*Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources*

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**From:** Anderson, Dulcy [mailto:Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 10:11 AM  
**To:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: man camps, etc.

Dear Ministry of Energy etc.

Please find correspondence regarding the issue of enhanced gender-based violence risk ("man camps") related to large projects (site C).

Thanks for your response to this constituent.

Best,

Dulcy

Dulcy Anderson | Constituency Assistant | David Eby, MLA Vancouver-Point Grey  
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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 1:49 PM

**To:** Anderson, Dulcy <[Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: man camps, etc.

Hi Dulcy -

Just caught this follow-up message. Pls do share the message with Minister Mungall.

best wishes,

s.22

On Tue, Jan 9, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Anderson, Dulcy <[Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

Yet another aspect of our ongoing reply:

Dear s.22

Thank you for writing to me about the link between violence against women in local communities and hosting large resource or development projects. My colleague Michelle Mungall is very interested in these issues as Minister of Energy and Mines, and I would like to share your e-mail with her. Please let me know if I may do so.

Thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

David Eby

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**From:** Anderson, Dulcy

**Sent:** Saturday, January 6, 2018 4:48 PM

**To:** s.22

**Subject:** man camps, etc.

s.22

David asked if I could set a meeting with you while he's in Vancouver this month. Do January 11 or 26 work for you? We can do phone meeting if that is easier than coming in to constituency office.

I got the following information from Min. Farnworth for you, just FYI: The Public Safety ministry is aware of this issue and is mandated to work on services for women and children facing violence as well as administering Victim Services BC, so this issue falls under both of those categories. The govt recently announced an additional \$5 million to help provide these services, which will be accessible to people in rural and remote communities. (more on the funding

here: <https://globalnews.ca/news/3892584/b-c-government-promises-5-million-to-help-women-and-children-affected-by-violence/>)

Best,

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s.22  
**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 11:09 AM  
**To:** Eby.MLA, David <[David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Site C

Thanks for the message.

I wrote concerned about the what and how of Site C.

Will you address the man camps and violence against indigenous women and girls in communities with mega projects?

PS - I'm sure you didn't mean to send me other constituent email (below).

On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Eby.MLA, David <[David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

Dear s.22

Thank you for writing to me about the Site C dam.

The decision to proceed with the Site C project taken by our government is not a happy one. The strategies of the previous government to avoid oversight and push the project “past the point of no return,” visiting financial ruin on the books of any government that would seek to cancel it, are unforgivable.

As you know, for several years I have been a critic of the Site C dam project. During the election we committed to send the Site C project for review to the BC Utilities Commission for advice on how to move forward given that the previous government had avoided any oversight. The BCUC reported back to us, and to the public, that terminating Site C and implementing a portfolio of alternative technologies would have comparable public and ratepayer costs to continuing with the Site C project.

That was very hopeful news. In response, our government took the BCUC’s information to experts in finance for analysis about what options were available.

Devastatingly, at this stage we received unambiguous advice that while the net cost of the termination and continuation scenarios may be similar, the accounting treatment of the two models was dramatically different. In particular, we were told that if we abandoned the Site C project, we would incur an immediate \$3-4bn public charge on either hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers.

We were advised that if we continued the project, even if it went significantly over budget, the accounting treatment of the completed project as an “asset” would enable it to be repaid over 70 years with a significantly different impact on rates and public accounts. There were two options we examined in a termination scenario: funding the termination charge through public accounts (taxpayers), or funding the termination charge through BC Hydro (ratepayers). In either scenario, the real world implications were dramatic.

For the first option, public financing of the immediate \$3-4bn charge would mean \$125-150m in new annual debt service charges, effective immediately on termination. Public financing of termination would similarly mean that billions in capital funding currently intended to be spent on hospitals, school seismic upgrading, and other critical public infrastructure like transit would be consumed entirely with no matching asset created. If we proceeded with our capital spending plans despite incurring this charge, our debt rating would change as well, bringing with it additional increased interest charges.

Leaving the \$4bn charge with Hydro so ratepayers could finance it, with no matching “asset” was no better. This approach would result in an acute risk that Hydro’s debt would no longer be considered “commercial” by bond raters and/or BC’s Auditor General who has already cautioned about BC Hydro’s books being overburdened by debt. If BC Hydro’s debt was no longer deemed commercial by analysts, this would result in BC Hydro’s entire debt being seen by bond raters and BC’s Auditor General as government debt. The financial impact of that more than \$10bn in debt moving on to public books overnight would be catastrophic for any hope of building the kind of province we need to build.

Thank you for writing to me about this important issue. I brought your voice to Victoria to speak against the project. However, the costs of termination were ultimately too high for a responsible government. I hope that, while you may not agree with the decision, you may now understand how it was reached.

Yours truly,

David Eby

MLA, Vancouver Point Grey



**Firth, Janet EMPR:EX**

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**From:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2018 1:11 PM  
**To:** s.22  
**Cc:** Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX  
**Subject:** BC Hydro's mitigation programs - Site C  
**Attachments:** 103518 s.22 to Min. Eby Dec 2, 2018 - Site C issue.pdf

Ref: 103518

s.22

Dear s.22

Honourable David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, has forwarded copies of your recent emails regarding your concerns about the impacts of industrial camps on nearby Indigenous communities and, more specifically, on Indigenous women and girls. Thank you for taking the time to write and share your views.

With respect to the Site C project, I can tell you that extensive mitigation measures were developed through consultation with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities as part of the careful planning on the project.

Many of these measures directly support women, children and families in the Peace Region. For example, in the first year of Site C construction, BC Hydro provided \$250,000 in funding for emergency and transitional housing programs in Fort St. John.

Other community measures include providing funding for new childcare spaces, committing \$1.1 million to local non-profits, building a total of 50 units of long-term affordable housing, contributing over \$1 million to regional and Indigenous skills training initiatives, and providing funding for additional local policing.

In addition, one of BC Hydro's project objectives for Site C is to provide lasting economic and social benefits for northern communities and Indigenous groups. BC Hydro's Indigenous Contracting and Procurement Policy is designed to increase the involvement of Indigenous groups in economic opportunities associated with BC Hydro's business activities.

Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding BC Hydro's mitigation programs, I would encourage you to contact Mr. David Conway, BC Hydro's Community Relations Manager for the Site C project at 250-561-4849 or [Dave.Conway@bchydro.com](mailto:Dave.Conway@bchydro.com). He would be pleased to provide you with further information about the measures BC Hydro has undertaken to directly support women, children and families in the Peace Region.

Once again, thank you for writing. I appreciate the opportunity to hear about these important issues. It helps inform my work within the Ministry, and your engagement is crucial to our democracy.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

## EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX

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**From:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** s.22  
**Cc:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: the Peace River and Sustainable BC  
**Attachments:** Peace-River-Letter-George-Heyman.pdf; ATT00001.htm; SBC.pdf; ATT00002.htm

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Reference: 312979

*December 11, 2017*

s.22

Email: s.22

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 27, 2017, regarding the Peace River and the Site C Dam project.

While the issue you have raised falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, I appreciate that you took the time to share your thoughts with me.

I have shared a copy of your enquiry with my colleague, the Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, for her review and consideration.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

George Heyman  
Minister

cc: Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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**From:** Heyman.MLA, George [<mailto:George.Heyman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:27 AM  
**To:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX  
**Subject:** FW: the Peace River and Sustainable BC

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 11:32 PM

To: Heyman.MLA, George <George.Heyman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: the Peace River and Sustainable BC

Dear Honourable George Heyman,

We are writing to encourage you to make the right decision, which is to cancel Site C now. We voice our strong solidarity with the West Moberly First Nations, Prophet River First Nation, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Amnesty International, the Peace Valley Landowners Association, the Peace Valley Environment Association, and many others who call for the immediate termination of BC Hydro's Site C dam in Treaty 8 Territory.

Also, we are writing to remind you of the **Sustainable BC** vision, unanimously adopted by the BC NDP at our 2007 convention, attached as an appendix. Sustainable BC is defined by a commitment to environmental stewardship, diversified economy, equity in sharing the province's wealth, and individual and community well-being "built on mutual respect; co-operation; economic, social and political democracy; and the shared enjoyment of natural, constructed, creative and spiritual elements of our common heritage and sense of place" (4).

Principles outlined in Sustainable BC include: ecosystem protection, resource conservation, biodiversity, resilience, protection for the "commons," food security, social equity, full cost economics, the precautionary principle, adaptive management, democracy and due process, and just transition. All of these principles support the cancellation of the dam, and building a path toward decarbonizing the economy that is distributed across BC, not relying too heavily on one sacrifice zone up north.

There are good reasons—ethical, environmental, and economic—for cancelling the dam and leading the province to act with honour in this terrible situation caused by Liberal mismanagement.

The Peace River Valley is a sacred place to the Indigenous peoples who have called it home since time immemorial. Named after a historic peace treaty between the Cree and the Dunne-za people, the Peace River has already sacrificed too much in order to provide BC with a third of its electricity through previous dams on it. We owe a huge debt to the Peace, and now is the time to pay some of this debt back by holding our governments accountable to walk the talk of reconciliation. If our government is sorry for the displacement it previously caused, then it has to stop the violence of destroying people's sacred sites without their consent. Although BC Hydro has apologized for the devastation that traumatized the Indigenous people who were displaced and made homeless by the W.A.C. Bennett dam, the apology is meaningless if BC continues to act destructively on Treaty 8 territories (<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/06/10/bc-hydro-apologizes-bennett-dam-s-profound-and-painful-impact-first-nations-gallery-opening>).

Equally disturbingly, the violence against the land has also increased violence against Indigenous women. If you are not familiar with the perspectives and experiences of women who've been working hard to protect the Peace Valley and their families, please see <http://discoursemedia.org/gender-and-identity/women-site-c-concerns-impacts-hidden> and <http://www.cbc.ca/shortdocs/shorts/peace-river-rising>. It is crucial that you understand how this systemic violence impacts Indigenous women. #metoo applies to our sisters up north, courageously standing up for the Peace.

As the headwaters of an enormous river system that flows all the way to the Arctic Ocean, the Peace River is recognized as crucial for the health of the UNESCO world heritage site, Wood Buffalo Park. For this reason, downstream First Nations such as the Mikisew Cree and the Athabasca Chipewyan have also called for the dam to be terminated. It is our ethical responsibility to be good neighbours to these downstream communities.

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Peace region's natural capital (<https://davidsuzuki.org/science-learning-centre-article/peace-dividend-assessing-economic-value-ecosystems-b-c-s-peace-river-watershed/>).

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s.22

# *Sustainable BC*

The NDP vision for a British Columbia of healthy people and communities, a clean, productive environment, and a vibrant, diversified economy.

Prepared by the NDP Standing Committee on the Environment for  
an Ecologically and Economically Sustainable Future (SCOEE)

Adopted at the BC NDP Provincial Convention

Vancouver, B.C.

November 17, 2007



# ***Sustainable BC***

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## What *Sustainable BC* means to our Province and our Party

**The very essence of leadership  
is that you have to have a vision.**  
- Theodore Hesburgh,

***Sustainable BC*** is the NDP vision for our Province in which dedication to a sustainable future supports healthy people and communities, a clean, productive environment, and a vibrant, diversified economy.

We believe that ***Sustainable BC*** reflects the hopes and dreams of the majority of British Columbians. Often motivated by the immense implications of climate change, citizens from diverse backgrounds recognize that sustainability is the fundamental challenge of our era.

***Sustainable BC*** brings NDP values together in one clear statement of purpose, intention and commitment. It provides a bold vision of what an NDP government could do to sustain people today, while ensuring that the world we enjoy will remain healthy and productive for generations to come. It provides a “lens” through which policies and projects can be assessed for compatibility with principles of sustainability. It can bring communities, labour, business, government and the non-profit sector together in a powerful consensus that includes all British Columbians.

***Sustainable BC*** was adopted unanimously by delegates from across the province at the November, 2007 convention of the BC NDP. Delegates also called on the party’s executive to draft an action plan for consideration by Provincial Council that will engage British Columbians in a discussion of ***Sustainable BC***, and develop practical strategies for its implementation by an NDP government. (Both resolutions are attached as an appendix to this document)

Through province-wide discussion and consensus-building, ***Sustainable BC*** can become a persuasive central theme of the 2009 provincial election campaign.

***Sustainable BC*** proposes to British Columbians a vision for a future we can choose and a province we can create

## ***SUSTAINABLE BC***

### **Vision**

***Sustainable BC*** is the NDP vision for our province where dedication to the principles of sustainability secures for present and future generations the benefits of a healthy environment and a decent, just and sustaining society.

Where there is no vision the people perish  
- Book of Proverbs

### **Characteristics of *Sustainable BC***

- ❖ **Environmental stewardship** through public, corporate and personal actions that restore and maintain ecosystem health; reduce human impact on our planet's life support systems; and preserve the diversity of plant and animal species.
- ❖ **A diversified economy** that operates within the environmental carrying capacity and serves the needs and aspirations of people and local communities, thereby contributing to genuine socio-economic progress for the Province as a whole.
- ❖ **Equity** in sharing the wealth of the Province fairly amongst all British Columbians through principles of justice and compassion, while recognizing that what we leave to future generations is a sacred trust and the best measure of who we are.
- ❖ **Individual and community well-being** that results from all of the above and that is built on mutual respect; co-operation; economic, social and political democracy; and the shared enjoyment of natural, constructed, creative and spiritual elements of our common heritage and sense of place.

The significant problems we face cannot  
be solved at the same level of thinking we  
were at when we created them.  
- Albert Einstein

**Guiding principles are essential when we create the policies and programs needed to realize the vision of *Sustainable BC***

## **Principles of *Sustainable BC***

**Ecosystem Protection:** As the life support system for all species including humanity, the environment must be protected from pollution or other degradation of air, water or soil exceeding that which can be safely absorbed or renewed by nature.

**Resource Conservation:** The principles of “reduce, reuse and recycle” must govern the use of all materials and energy. Renewable resource use should be less than the rate of replenishment, while non-renewable resource use must be decreased in order to conserve and share equitably with future generations.

**Biodiversity:** Protection of the diversity of plant and animal species is essential if ecosystems are to thrive and maintain the resilience necessary for adaptation and survival.

**Resilience:** As in nature, diversity needs to be fostered in communities and in economic, social and infrastructure systems in order to lessen vulnerability to risk, uncertainty, and surprise; to maintain flexibility; to aid adaptation in the face of adversity; and to facilitate future innovation.

**Protection for the “Commons:”** Shared public trusts like water, air, fish and wildlife; our heritage of parks and protected areas; cultural and intellectual assets; and amenities such as health care, education, public utilities and infrastructure, must be held and managed in the public interest over and above any private or individual interests.

**Food Security:** Healthful food for consumers and increased local and provincial food self-sufficiency are essential for a sustainable society. This requires a protected agricultural land base, environmentally sustainable farm practices and economic viability for food producers.

**Social Equity:** The resources and benefits derived from the natural environment and from social and economic activities should be equitably shared, recognizing that every British Columbian has the right to clean air and water, healthful food, adequate shelter, quality education and health care, safe surroundings, a sustainable livelihood, and active participation in the economy.

**Full Cost Economics:** Short and long term environmental, social and economic impacts need to be taken into account at both the local and the provincial level. This requires true costs to be accurately reflected in the price of all goods and services in order to discourage pollution and resource waste, and encourage innovation, socially and environmentally responsible behaviour, and true progress toward sustainability.

**Precautionary Principle:** Given the best available information, where there is no scientific consensus on risks that specific actions or policies might pose to human health or the environment, decisions must err on the side of caution. Lack of scientific certainty should not be used as a reason to delay action to prevent harm, where a threat to health or the environment exists.

**Adaptive Management:** The use of best available practices and technologies needs to occur within a culture of continuous learning, adequate monitoring and a commitment to modify strategic directions in order to achieve sustainability objectives.

**Democracy and Due Process:** Access to full and accurate information concerning all elements of public policy, meaningful opportunities to participate in decisions that effect them, and entitlement to fair treatment by the judicial system are fundamental rights of all citizens.

**Just Transition:** Mechanisms must be in place to manage the transition toward **Sustainable BC** so that everyone takes responsibility and no one bears an unfair share of the burden of change.

#### PREAMBLE to the Earth Charter

We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

Principles must lead to action if the NDP vision of *Sustainable BC* is to become reality. Here are some key directions.

## ***Sustainable BC***

Laying the groundwork:

### **Creating the tools**

**A *Sustainable BC* Act** in which British Columbians make a formal and enduring commitment to social, environmental and economic sustainability.

**Sustainability Benchmarks** that include target dates and systems of measurement to ensure progress towards a sustainable environment, economy and society. A Commissioner for Sustainability would report annually to the legislature on accomplishment of benchmark goals.

**Genuine Progress Indicators** that measure progress toward a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable society, supplementing or replacing the GDP which only measures total dollar expenditures irrespective of damage or benefit to society or the environment.

**An Environmental Bill of Rights** that empowers citizens to protect the environment, their communities and their health through the Courts.

A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.

- Aldo Leopold

## Laying the groundwork:

### Some Policy Guideposts

**Comprehensive, integrated land and water use planning** that develops sustainability strategies for all areas of the province. Included would be significant sectors such as:

- Forestry
- Food and Agriculture
- Transportation
- Energy
- Tourism and Recreation
- Community Planning
- Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Environments
- Mining
- Waste Management

#### **Effective climate change initiatives that:**

- ensure all BC policies and practices meet or exceed national and international commitments to reduce greenhouse gases;
- commit public and encourage private investment in energy efficiency and conservation, and facilitate widespread development of low environmental impact, renewable sources of energy such as geothermal, solar, wind and tidal;
- apply carbon taxes to motivate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by ensuring that prices of fossil fuels reflect the environmental and social costs of their production and use, while building in “just transition” measures to minimize impacts on low-income households; and
- develop adaptation mechanisms to cope with increasing vulnerability, uncertainty and surprise inevitable in a future dominated by climate change.

**Tax shifting measures** that support employment and environmental sustainability by re-directing taxes and tax subsidies to:

- discourage waste and mismanagement of natural resources, pollution of soil, water and air, and production of greenhouse gases; and
- encourage resource conservation, ecosystem protection, sustainable employment, innovation, social equity and environmentally responsible personal lifestyles.

**Legislated standards and best management practices** that achieve improved management of forest resources, food lands, water, wetlands and biodiversity; increased energy efficiency; and reduced emissions for industry, buildings, motors, and vehicles.

**Producer responsibility legislation** that applies to all products throughout their life cycles, including packaging used when products are sold, and the retrieval and recycling of materials after each use.

**Community priority** that ensures local, regional and First Nations governments have the expertise, resources and authority to design and implement community-based sustainability, ensuring clean air and water, influence over the exploitation and benefits of resource use, meaningful work, good housing, quality education and health care, and recreational opportunities.

**Government-business cooperation** that motivates business to invest in and benefit from ***Sustainable BC*** ; this should include the encouragement of expanded ownership and other inclusive and democratic models of business enterprise.

**Extension education programs** that encourage all members and sectors of society (including Government, First Nations, Business, Labour, and Non-Profit Organizations) to recognize the opportunities of and contribute to ***Sustainable BC*** .

**Trade policy** that supports fair trade that is socially and environmentally sustainable. Trade agreements must protect the rights of governments and communities to act in the best interests of their citizens, without trade-related infringement on the rights of labour; social services such as Medicare; or security of water, food, energy, and resources.

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## Useful references for further development of ***Sustainable BC***:

- **The Earth Charter**: a global consensus on the meaning and implementation of sustainability principles.
- **The Natural Step**: a concept providing competitive economic advantage for business by imitating natural systems in their diversity and resilience, while reducing waste and dependence on raw materials.
- **Environmental Footprint**: a concept that can measure and guide progress of individuals, corporations, communities and the province toward ***Sustainable BC***.

We have the capacity and ability to create a remarkably different economy, one that can restore ecosystems and protect the environment while bringing forth innovation, prosperity, meaningful work and true security.

– Paul Hawken, “The Ecology of Commerce”

## ***Sustainable BC Resolutions adopted at the BC NDP Provincial Convention***

***November 17, 2007***

**Whereas** sustainability is the urgent issue of our time and British Columbians are growing ever more concerned about climate change and the need to move towards greater economic and ecological sustainability; and

**Whereas** Gordon Campbell and the BC Liberals have failed to provide leadership and are actually moving the Province in the opposite direction; and

**Whereas** continuing along our present course will eventually result in a degraded environment, a weakened economy and stressed communities; and

**Whereas** the BC public is seeking political leadership that is committed to dealing with the sustainability challenges we face and the BC NDP, in our fundamental values, existing policies and progressive initiatives taken while government, is the natural party to take that leadership; and,

**Whereas** political leadership requires a consistent commitment to a set of principles and the support of British Columbians;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the BC NDP adopt the ***Sustainable BC*** Vision and Principles as previously distributed, and that these principles become the foundation upon which Party policy committee work is carried out, and the 2009 provincial election campaign platform is structured;

**And be it further resolved** that the Tools and Policy Guideposts that form part of the ***Sustainable BC*** package previously distributed also be referred to party policy committees and the platform committee for guidance.

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**Whereas** it will require the active participation of British Columbians to ensure that ***Sustainable BC*** becomes the defining issue of the 2009 provincial election campaign;

**Be it therefore resolved** that the BC NDP Executive bring forward to the first Provincial Council meeting in 2008 a draft action plan for engaging and consulting with British Columbians on a ***Sustainable BC*** agenda and that representatives within our allied labour, cooperative, progressive business, environmental, community and social justice movements be engaged to assist in developing practical strategies for an NDP government to implement ***Sustainable BC***.

## EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX

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**From:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 11:16 AM  
**To:** s.22  
**Cc:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Please say "no" to Site C

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Reference: 312985

*December 11, 2017*

s.22  
Email: s.22

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 29, 2017, regarding Site C.

While the issue you have raised falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, I appreciate that you took the time to share your thoughts with me.

I have shared a copy of your enquiry with my colleague, the Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, for her review and consideration.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

George Heyman  
Minister

cc: Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:29 AM  
**To:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX  
**Cc:** Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Please say "no" to Site C

Dear Minister,

I am writing to plead with you to cancel the Site C mega-project. I have several key reasons for this request:

1. The BC NDP government has acknowledged that we must work toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and have indicated support for the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The West Moberly and

Prophet River First Nations, on whose traditional territory the Site C dam is located, are firmly against the Site C mega-project. Going ahead is an unacceptable violation of Treaty 8, and of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, “man-camps” are known to be very dangerous places for women and girls, especially Indigenous women and girls.

2. The cost of completing the Site C dam will be so much greater than what has been invested to date and what will be required to decommission the project. The energy that would be generated from the Site C dam is not currently needed in the province, and projections of future demand are based on faulty assumptions of increasing need and a desire to continue to export cheap energy to the US and elsewhere. BC residents will be paying for this costly, unnecessary and disastrous mega-project for decades, both through our taxes and through individual hydro bills.

3. The damming of the Peace River will be an ecological disaster and negatively contribute to climate change. The loss of Indigenous traditional territories, farmland, fish and other wildlife, and natural ecosystems through flooding would be tragic. Instead, we must do all we can to convert to renewable energy sources in order to ensure a future for generations to come.

The loss of jobs in the Peace River area will be hard on individuals, families and communities, something no one wants to see. To address these economic consequences, workers from that area could be given first priority in hiring to decommission the Site C mega-project, considerably extending their jobs. In addition, your government has just released a four-part energy and jobs plan that identifies investing in green energy as one of the key initiatives. Some new green energy projects could be located in northeastern BC, contributing long-term sustainable local jobs.

I call on the British Columbia government to do the right thing and cancel the Site C mega-project immediately, for the benefit of the climate, to preserve the beautiful Peace River valley, and to honour our relationships with the Indigenous peoples on whose traditional territory this project is situated.

Sincerely,

s.22

Gabriola Island, BC

CC: Doug Routley, MLA, Nanaimo-North Cowichan

## EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Susan M EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Site C Decision

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Thank you for your response, although we all know the need for a big dam has nothing to do with helping BC, only corporations, many of which are foreign. The people of BC will be paying more for energy we do not need, which even bc hydro concluded at one point. Even if we needed it, with all the technologies of today, there are better alternatives. Furthermore, we will be paying with the loss of our native species of fish and other wildlife, our agriculture, beautiful environment, more land stolen from the First Nations communities and worse, more missing and murdered women and girls. All of this for profit.

I stand with First Nations and no longer believe any words that come out of any politicians' mouth.

Thanks.  
s.2  
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On Dec 14, 2017 11:49 AM, "Ferguson, Susan M EMPR:EX" <[Susan.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Susan.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Ref.: 103182

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me about the future of the Site C dam. I appreciate the active participation from British Columbians on this issue and want to assure you that I listened and heard your concerns.

As you are most likely aware, we have made the difficult decision to proceed with Site C. The project should never have been started, but we cannot change the previous government's mistakes. To do anything but move forward would require British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt that would have to result in massive cuts to the services people count on us to deliver. After witnessing the legacy of BC Liberal cuts, I can't allow that to happen again.

I understand that this may not have been the outcome you hoped for, and want to assure you that as this project continues, we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future.

Our Government will address many of the concerns we heard from British Columbians throughout the province with a number of conditions and initiatives including:

- A new Project Assurance Board that will provide independent oversight to future contract procurement and management, project deliverables, environmental integrity, and quality assurance – all within the mandate of delivering the project on time and budget. Based on current projections, BC Hydro has revised the budget to \$10.7 billion.
- Establishing new Community Benefits Programs mandated with ensuring that project benefits assist local communities, and increasing the number of apprentices and First Nations workers hired onto the project.
- Ensuring a Peace River Legacy Fund implements solutions to longer-term environmental, social and economic issues.
- A new BC Food Security Fund – based on Site C revenues – dedicated to supporting farming and enhancing agricultural innovation and productivity across British Columbia.
- Activating the \$20 million agricultural compensation fund to offset lost sales and stimulate long-term productivity enhancements in Peace Valley agriculture.

We recognize the significant impacts on Treaty 8 First Nations and that's why Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and I met directly with Treaty 8 Leaders in their territory. Our Government and BC Hydro will work in partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations on measures to address their concerns, including a re-design of the Highway 29 re-alignment to reduce impact on potential burial sites and sacred places, and the establishment of a Treaty 8 project advisory committee. Further, we will ask BC Hydro to consider the development of a new procurement stream for smaller scale renewable electricity projects where First Nations are proponents or partners.

Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

## EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX

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**From:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Wishing you would PAY ATTENTION

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Thanks,

Sam

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:22 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Wishing you would PAY ATTENTION

This is an excellent article that includes some of the "hidden" costs of your decision.

## Celia Brauer: Want peace on Earth? Start by divesting from overpriced, destructive megaprojects like Site C

The present B.C. NDP government originally campaigned on a strong environmental mandate and commitment to UNDRIP: the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Their conviction to halt the Kinder Morgan pipeline and the outright ban of the grizzly-bear hunt has been positive. However, NDP supporters and some Treaty 8 First Nations have shown strong disapproval of the decision to continue building Site C, a megadam that will substantially flood rich farmland in the Peace River Valley. The previous Liberal government started the massive hydroelectric project three years ago. Now we are hearing justifications for the NDP's choice to continue the work.

For example, David Eby, the new attorney general, said in a December statement that the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) stated its preference for "terminating Site C and implementing a portfolio of alternative generation technologies...[that] would have comparable public and ratepayer costs to continuing with the Site C project." Since the decision to continue construction was made known, the public is being told the BCUC's findings were not viable. The NDP decided this after experts were called in for "financial analysis".

Not surprisingly, the experts came from a tradition of neoclassical economics, and their models claimed that a completed Site C dam, no matter how many billions it cost, was recognized as an “asset” but the ecological sacrifices made during construction were not recognized as an ongoing liability. On the other hand, the financial experts obviously decided that the cessation of the project—which is now 25-percent complete and involved spending \$4 billion so far—is a “liability”.

This point of view continues because of an imagined concept that believes economic value is only created by humans. People cut down trees, flood land, and build a dam, and financial worth is supposedly “created” out of nowhere. But how we measure this is disconnected from any biophysical dimension. In reality, “creating” economic value for humans in this way cannot be done without biophysical sacrifice. These processes involve entropic throughput that results in waste. The more we pursue and accelerate these activities, the more garbage and pollution is generated, which involves substantial costs.

A megaproject like Site C causes great destruction: the forests that are logged, the land that is flooded—which includes agricultural land—the methane that is exposed (which pollutes the air), the plants and animals that disappear, and the humans who are impacted. But these are not factored into the conventional “economic” equation at all.

In the landmark book, *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*, editor Paul Hawken describes the renewable-energy benefits of hydroelectric projects. But he encourages “in-stream hydro”, which has a massively reduced footprint. “Placed within a free-flowing river or stream, in-stream turbines can capture hydrokinetic energy without creating a reservoir and its repercussions.” In contrast, “hydroelectric dams produce enormous amounts of energy. But they also swallow up vast swaths of natural and human habitat—the Three Gorges alone displaced 1.2 million people—while impacting water movement and quality, sediment patterns, and fish migration.”

To say nothing of the billions of dollars swallowed up to create them. For example, the Muskrat Falls project in Labrador, which is only 75-percent complete, is presently estimated at \$12.7 billion.

Today, Canadian politicians are beginning to acknowledge the reality of climate change but then turn back to building huge hydroelectric dams that have many drawbacks. As the BCUC noted, megadams like Site C crowd out companies that are attempting to create much smaller alternative-energy projects, and this includes many First Nations groups championing solar power. There are hosts of entrepreneurs begging to transition to renewable power with diminished impact. Is the negative result of not allowing them into the energy sector factored into the financial reality of continuing Site C?



As well, large projects that exist far away from consumers perpetuate more frequent, wasteful activity. How many people think for five seconds about the origins of power when they flip on a light switch? They will certainly never imagine how much land was flooded and how many plants and animals died or were displaced so humans could have their energy needs met with relatively little effort and expenditure. People are constantly worried that electric-power costs will rise. But considering the massive benefit they receive, it is a very small price to pay, in comparison. This is because the true and total cost of the dam is once again not fully factored into economic assessments.

The other financial considerations are that in the past century, western societies imagined megaprojects to be the long-term creator of jobs and a secure income. For Horgan, it was “a risk...to [not] deliver housing, child care, schools and hospitals for families across B.C.” He said cancellation of Site C would cause an increase in electricity rates, cuts to services, and increase the provincial debt. North Vancouver–Lonsdale MLA Bowinn Ma’s statement was clear on her party’s priorities: “In the end...we chose affordability. We chose housing. We chose schools. We chose hospitals. We chose transit. We chose childcare.”

But Marc Eliesen, the former CEO and president of B.C. Hydro and a 40-year veteran of the industry in B.C., Ontario, and Manitoba, has flatly disputed this analysis. He thinks the NDP’s response is “utter nonsense”. “To say the cost of cancelling the megaproject can’t be managed without affecting the budget is just wrong.” It seems, though, that politicians believe that telling people they will lose their services and will have to spend more money for power makes a bad decision sound much better. However, Eliesen is reiterating a commonsense idea that many people understand: “You don’t throw good money after something that is bad,” he says. “It is known as the sunk-cost fallacy.”

Once again, there is a perception that these important human projects should continue to be funded because they are supposed “assets”, like one-quarter-built hydro dams. And, once again, the true costs of these projects are not properly evaluated. For example, how often do politicians feed into our nervousness if we imagine our comforts might be altered in any way? After being elected, Horgan quickly cancelled tolls on the Port Mann Bridge. This feel-good move has now added a debt to the province’s balance sheet of \$3.5 billion, which must be paid by taxpayers, not just car drivers on the bridge.

Neoclassical economics and blindly supportive politicians continue the illusion that value is only created by human work. Wealth is generated because our machinery is active and a whole bunch of earth gets moved. As part of the bargain, wildlife disappears, and there is little idea or regard for the biodiversity lost. Wildlife biologist Clayton Apps said in a 2014 report to the Site C Joint Review Panel: “In the near future, the Peace-region landscape is likely to be reduced to about one-

half of its potential to support certain wide-ranging species...Site C will exacerbate this loss and will further erode our ability to conserve and recover some species.”

So what is the final price of the megaproject business? The answer is: it costs the Earth. But the old maxim “you can’t eat money” continues to be pushed to the background, as if it doesn’t really apply in our modern world.

## **Colonization today**

What about reconciliation with First Nations? Like it or not, we still live in a colonized country and this doesn’t seem to be changing very fast. So far, reconciliation is just a word that has yet to be put into concrete action. Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs’ president Stewart Phillip has said that many people in the First Nations community are “absolutely outraged” by the NDP’s choice to continue building Site C.

In a year-end email to supporters, Phillip wrote: “After many promises to implement the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples including the fundamental principle of free, prior and informed consent, it is becoming clear we see that these promises have given way to a plodding shrug once in office. Caleb Behn, an Indigenous lawyer from Treaty 8, where Premier Horgan’s government’s ‘heavy-hearted’ approval of B.C. Hydro’s Site C dam will now flood thousands of hectares of traditional lands, stated, ‘You cannot address injustice while perpetrating injustice.’ ”

Where is the NDP’s “commitments to the people” for these residents of British Columbia? Can non-Indigenous people even begin to imagine how First Nations’ lives have changed drastically from the impacts of colonization? And how megaprojects like Site C revive and continue the colonial legacy in their traditional backyards with an even greater force into the 21st century? Now some First Nations tribes from Treaty 8 opposing Site C will go to court at great time and expense to attempt to stop the continued repossession and destruction of their lands.

Besides the physical impact of the project, what about the mental strain on Indigenous people who constantly try to hold the country accountable? They are asking us to put actions behind words. It is psychologically draining to constantly fight for rights to Indigenous lands and culture and the continuation of a worldview that was historically far more sustainable than the present colonial one. And this all goes on alongside a host of other stressful challenges First Nations have to face daily when dealing with modern society.

And what about the imposition of “man camps” when a resource project shows up in your region? There are always high impacts on vulnerable people who live close by, which certainly includes Indigenous women. Last November, the Secwepemc First Nation in central British Columbia, on

whose land the Kinder Morgan pipeline would be built, came out with a strong statement that referenced domestic-violence and rape statistics for communities near North American resource-extraction projects. They were painting a picture they understand to be true from firsthand experience: “We know this horrific violence will not end while the pillage of our lands continues. The water of our lands and the water in our bodies create and sustain our nations. The colonial corporate system of resource extraction relies on the connected violences of destroying our lands and violating our bodies.”

What is gained by yet another industrial sized megaproject? Most jobs are short-term construction. The perception of political peace might reign for a few years. But in the greater scheme of things, very little is truly achieved and much is lost. Now after centuries of colonization and industrialization, humanity is well over on the negative side of the balance sheet with respect to natural capital. We have taken far too much. The Earth is showing great strain. And we are encountering the mental torture that ensues when human addiction is never satisfied. All our dirty industrial expansion into natural ecosystems is fuelled by great “wants”, not necessarily “needs”. And the outcome always destroys someone’s home, community, or mental health in the process, which, in turn, depletes the spirit of all humanity.

## **Coming to terms with addiction**

Elieson is not the only professional stating that conventional economics doesn’t make sense for the continuation of Site C. And so if Horgan and his caucus are not influenced by that, they would certainly not be considering an ecological economic point of view. Then why, when it doesn’t make sense all around, do they continue to champion the old model? Because it appears many Canadians are not ready to embrace sustainability.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) recently released a report stating that Canada’s economy continues to concentrate excessively on resource extraction. Value-added production is not strong enough and, when present, it mostly lacks creativity, material originality, and recycling efficiency.

The OECD’s *Environmental Performance Review of Canada 2017* adds that environmental regulations are not stringent enough and, when they do exist, they are not well enforced. All in all, Canada measures poorly compared to the other OECD nations. The report states: “Resources consumed per capita (measured by weight) and resources needed to generate a unit of GDP are high even compared to other resource-rich OECD economies with strong mining and construction industries. Technological and process innovation, as well as greater use of recycled materials, would help Canada improve its resource efficiency. This would also contribute to green growth objectives, including climate mitigation and growth in clean tech segments.”

Former governor general David Johnston warned Canadians that we needed to become more than just “hewers of wood and drawers of water”. But change is unsettling, and people don’t want to

alter their ways. Many Canadians continue to view themselves in the outdated image of the original pioneers. However, it's hard to believe this is the only way forward. Hospitals and schools will hardly go bankrupt if megaprojects are not there to fund them. And cheap power will also not disappear. But anxiety around altering notions of self-sufficiency feed into the original concepts of addiction that western society learned centuries ago in the time of slavery.

Vancouver physician Gabor Mate spent many years working with patients in the Downtown Eastside, the city's poorest neighbourhood. He frequently speaks about addictions, including where they come from and how they influence individuals and society. In an interview last June, he described a new field of study called "neuropolitics, where they look at how people's political views are affected by their brain functioning...They could do a lot of work on why people are resistant to reality."

Mate talked about the "simple case of climate change, which is beyond controversy in the mind of anybody who is halfway rational." He stated: "The human role in rapid climate change is frightening—the widening gap between ice floes in Antarctica, the melting of the polar ice caps, the rising of the seas. What world do you have to live in not to be concerned about those things or not to recognize that they exist?" With regard to the "war on drugs", Mate says no more research is needed because what has been discovered already is not being implemented. This is because "powerful forces in our society benefit from it [the drug trade]".

The same happens with climate change. "Powerful interests benefit in the short-term, and they think in the short-term. They benefit from the economic dividends of industries that threaten the climate. It's a political and social question, not a scientific question. Science exists within a social, political, and economic context." And so, Mate asks: "Who makes policy? Who influences policy? Who presents information to the public? Who controls those institutions?"

Who, indeed?

## **Peace for the Peace**

The status quo is unquestionably unsustainable. It is destroying the planet, which includes humans. It is powered by individuals who continue to enforce an outmoded desire to be in charge of the natural world, which is something humankind will never achieve. We make up theories, our visions of reality. But they are not all working well. Now is the time to unmake those notions that no longer make sense.

The Site C dam is one in a long stream of projects European settlers imposed on what they called the New World. We are at a pivotal moment in history. The people of British Columbia elected representatives to alter the status quo. Now that political leaders are being asked to act on those changes, they are getting nervous.

Horgan wants to return to "administration" instead of "action". But try to imagine a society in which slavery was not abolished and all people do not have the right to vote. These unfortunate situations still exist today, but at least they are not the norm because many fought—and died—for transformation. What is a human society without action to make our common world a better place? Action exists whether people control it or not.

These days, we continually witness the negative ramifications of environmental change. We should guide our actions wisely in a direction that makes sense for all living things. As Canadian singer-songwriter Buffy

Ste Marie said: “If you don’t fight for the world you want, you’re going to get the world somebody else wants.”

The best time to stop the megaproject was 30 years ago. The next best time is now.

## EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2018 1:45 PM  
**To:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** s.17  
**Subject:** [FWD: New Material Re: SITE C please reverse your decision]  
**Attachments:** Site-C-Summit-Communique.pdf

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Subject: New Material Re: SITE C please reverse your decision

From: s.22

Date: Thu, February 01, 2018 1:38 pm

To: [Premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca), [FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca),  
[EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca) s.22

Cc: s.22 s.22

Dear Premier Horgan, and Ministers Carole James and Michelle Mungal,

I attended the Site C Summit via live-stream, held in Victoria BC January 26th and 27th.

I have learned much that that proves the danger in proceeding with your decision on Site C.

I have attached a PDF which outlines why your decision is not in the best interest of the Province and also has a set of recommendations and actions that you can and should now undertake.

The financials as were advised to you were erroneous.

The latest numbers for renewable power that just came in January from Colorado are \$30.00 per MW hour as opposed to \$100 MWhour from Site C and the cost could be even higher due to geotechnical problems.

There are geo-thechnical problems particularly with the slope and cracking that could mean more engineering and much higher than even the \$10.7 billion forecast.

Please do not sentence the people of BC to this enormously expensive and harmful project,

Site C ignores the UN Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples and destroys ancestral and sacred lands, hunting and fishing, which the way of life and heritage of the 1st Nations Peoples affected by Site C, not only in BC but also in Alberta and other tributaries.

During the past several years as I have been learning about our indigenous peoples and their belief systems, who date back 10,000 to 12,000. plus years, I found rich cultural traditions in art, song and storytelling in, in boat building and natural aquaculture, (scientists are finding clam beds formed 1000.s of years ago by coastal nations) and their stewardship of the lands is spiritual and beautiful. Please do not flood the Peace River Valley rich with ancient artifacts, and sacred grounds.

The earth,oceans and all life, make up what I think of as "sacred Cathedrals" and I feel very strongly that they should be protected, not only for indigenous peoples, but for all of us.

Site C will be a 70 year long punitive expense for the people of BC for a project we don't need and which will cause harm to our environment and to our peoples.

Please study the attached material and let me know how I can help you to find the resolve to reverse your decision on Site C.

Thank you

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Best regards,

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## Site C Summit – Accountability and Action

January 26 and 27, 2018

### Communiqué

Victoria BC - Over 400 delegates attended the Site C Accountability and Action Summit to un-package the BC NDP's Site C decision, uphold Indigenous rights and Treaty 8, examine the ongoing Site C train wreck, and to develop action plans to stop Site C.

Experts with over 100 years of collective experience in energy economics concluded that the NDP government knew their decision to continue Site C was based on erroneous advice. Contrary to the words of Premier Horgan and Attorney General David Eby, the facts are:

- Cancellation of Site C will not trigger an immediate 12% rate increase.
- Cancellation will not incur a \$3 to \$4 billion write down.
- Cancellation will not mean \$125 to \$150 million in new annual debt service and postponement of needed capital spending.
- Cancellation will not cause a bond rating downgrade.
- **Cancellation will save \$3.5 billion for other infrastructure.**

The Summit was advised that the cost of renewable energy has plummeted since the December 11th 2017 decision to proceed with Site C making any further attempt by the NDP to justify proceeding with Site C an exercise in futility.<sup>1</sup>

The Summit was briefed on the clear and massive breach of West Moberly, Prophet River, and Blueberry Indian Band Treaty Rights and other Indigenous Rights that will occur upon flooding of the Peace Valley if Site C proceeds.

The Summit expressed its strong support for Treaty 8 First Nations and First Nations in Alberta and the Northwest Territories impacted by Site C and the strategies, including legal action to stop Site C as soon as possible and before any flooding of the Peace Valley.

The Summit concluded with a number calls for action. The most urgent are listed here:

1. The Province of BC must honour and uphold our treaties with Indigenous peoples, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

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<sup>1</sup> In January 2017, Alberta contracted new wind energy at \$37 per megawatt hour (MWh). In Colorado, recent bids for utility-scale solar PV came in at US \$30 per MWh. Based on the current \$10.7 billion budget, BC Hydro Site C power is about \$100 per MWh.



2. In response to the civil suits brought by the West Moberly First Nations, the Prophet River First Nation and the Blueberry First Nations, the Province of BC must instruct BC Hydro to stop work on Site C and walk away from the project.
3. The Province of BC must release publicly the information relied upon by the Province of BC in making its decision to proceed with Site C on December 11, 2017.
4. The Province of BC must direct that no public works contracts be granted to AECON if this corporation is to become a state-owned enterprise of the Government of China.
5. The Province of BC must replace those responsible at BC Hydro for the mismanagement of the Site C project as described by Premier Horgan in his December 11, 2017 announcement to continue Site C
6. The Province of BC must release all geo-technical studies, memos and emails relied upon to brief the Premier prior to his December 11, 2017 announcement to continue Site C as well as release any information on the geotechnical challenges held by BC Hydro that contradict the Premier's public assurances that these challenges are not expected to be significant with regard to cost and delay.
7. The Province of BC must release immediately its plan in relation to the Site C megaproject to preclude human trafficking and the violence against and murder and/or disappearance of women and children.
8. BC Hydro must drop its strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP) suit filed against individuals allegedly involved in peaceful protest against Site C on the banks of the Peace River in 2016.
9. The Province of BC must pass anti-SLAPP suit legislation in the Spring 2018 sitting of the Legislature.
10. The BC NDP Provincial Council meeting on February 2-4, 2018 must condemn the Government's decision to proceed with Site C based on NDP values and commitments (given the information presently available to the public).

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## EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX

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**From:** Matthew Norris <matthew@ubcic.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:52 PM  
**To:** jim.carr@parl.gc.ca; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** March 22 UBCIC Letter to Canada and BC re. Support for the Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps  
**Attachments:** 2018Mar22\_UBCICtoCanBC\_KMManCamps\_finalcombined.pdf

Dear Minister James Gordon-Carr and Minister Michelle Mungall,

Please find attached the March 22 UBCIC Letter to BC and Canada re. Support for the Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps.

Têniki,

**Matthew Norris**  
*Policy Analyst*

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March 22, 2018

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**RE: UBCIC Resolution 2018-04 “Support for the Women’s Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps”**

Dear Minister James Gordon-Carr and Minister Michelle Mungall,

We are writing with respect to UBCIC Resolution 2018-04, “Support for the Women’s Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps,” which was presented, affirmed and endorsed by consensus at the UBCIC Chiefs Council on February 21, 2018 (enclosed).

The UBCIC calls on the federal and provincial governments to respect the laws and authority of First Nations, and to protect against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon and the waterways.

The Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion, like other major resource projects, rely on the establishment of temporary work camps to provide labour to remote areas. These “man camps” provide temporary employee housing to thousands of mostly non-Indigenous male workers, who are legally disallowed from bringing their families. These work camps harbor a hyper-masculine industrial camp culture which can result in increased risk of sexual harassment and assault; increase levels of violence against women in sex work and hitchhiking; child care and gender inequity; vulnerability of women and road safety concerns; capacity strains on already limited social and health services; traditional use and

rights impacts as non-aboriginal people hunt and fish on their time-off; and pressures on community based and regional infrastructure.

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**Article 32**

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- (3) States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

Indigenous communities, particularly women and children, are the most vulnerable and at risk of experiencing the negative effects of industrial camps. Last year Amnesty International released a report calling for the National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls to specifically examine violence tied to resource development.

Currently, Kinder Morgan is applying for a 1000-worker Blue River Campsite on 16 hectares of Indigenous lands where the Secwepemc harvest berries. The Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors have developed the *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps*, which calls on all signatories to "stand together against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon, the waterways."

By UBCIC Resolution 2018-04 the UBCIC Chiefs Council endorsed the Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors' *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps*.

The UBCIC Chiefs Council commits to actively support the Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors in their continued fight against man camps and strongly opposes the development of man camps in Indigenous territories.

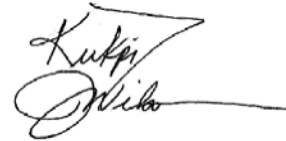
**On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS**



Grand Chief Stewart Phillip  
President



Chief Robert Chamberlin  
Vice-President



Kukpi7 Judy Wilson  
Secretary-Treasurer

CC: UBCIC Chiefs Council  
Honourable Carolyn Bennet, Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs  
Honourable Ralph Goodale, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness  
Honourable Patricia A. Hajdu, Department of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour  
Honourable Maryam Monsef, Department of Status of Women  
Honourable Scott Fraser, Ministry of Indigenous relations and Reconciliation.  
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MUSQUEAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, X<sup>W</sup>MƏƏK<sup>W</sup>ƏYƏM (MUSQUEAM TERRITORY)

Resolution no. 2018-04

## RE: Support for the Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps

**WHEREAS** major resource projects rely on the establishment of temporary work camps to provide labour to remote areas;

**WHEREAS** “man camps” provide temporary employee housing to thousands of mostly non-Indigenous male workers, who are legally disallowed from bringing their families;

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**WHEREAS** Kinder Morgan is applying for a 1000-worker Blue River Campsite on 16 hectares of our lands where the Secwepemc harvest berries;

**WHEREAS** the Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors have developed the *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps*, which calls on all signatories to "stand together against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon, the waterways;" and

**WHEREAS** by UBCIC Resolution 2017-15 the UBCIC Chiefs Council directed the UBCIC Executive to work with affected members to seek adequate resources to support its work and engage technical advisors to develop and implement an integrated strategy to oppose the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain tankers and pipelines project, including determining the most effective ways to support:

- Strategies grounded in Indigenous territorial authority and the exercise of Indigenous law;
- Legal challenges to the federal approval of the Trans Mountain project and other future legal proceedings that may be filed;
- A Citizens Initiative focused on preventing threats to water and health from the transportation of diluted bitumen, and related organizing efforts;
- Financial pressure and divestment strategies; and
- Collaboration between coastal and interior Indigenous peoples, with Indigenous and non-Indigenous allies, and with aligned local governments.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council hereby endorses the Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors' *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps* and directs the UBCIC Executive to sign the Declaration;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council commits to actively support the Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors in their continued fight against man camps and strongly opposes the development of man camps in Indigenous territories; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the Secwepemc Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors to urge the federal and provincial governments to respect the laws and authority of First Nations, and to protect against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon and the waterways.

**Moved:** Kukpi7 Ryan Day, Bonaparte Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Luke George, Tseshah First Nation (Proxy)  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** February 21, 2018

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**From:** Beltrano, Linda EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 1:31 PM  
**To:** Klear, Krishna EMPR:EX; Helewa, Norman EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Neskonlith correspondence | Proposed Blue River Camp Site  
**Attachments:** 43301 - Signed.pdf; LETTER RESP BLUE RIVER CAMP SITE KMEP NOV 29-17.pdf

Krishna for the files and Norm fyi.

Linda Beltrano  
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**From:** Vesely, Andrew IRR:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Beltrano, Linda EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Puggioni, Giovanni IRR:EX  
**Subject:** Neskonlith correspondence | Proposed Blue River Camp Site

Hi Linda –

FYI: Attached is Minister Scott Fraser's response letter to Chief Judy Wilson regarding the Proposed Blue River Camp Site. Incoming also attached for reference.

Andrew

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Ref. 43301

March 27, 2018

Chief Judy Wilson  
Neskonlith Indian Band  
Box 318  
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Dear Chief Judy Wilson:

Thank you for your November 29, 2017, letter addressed to Honourable John Horgan, Premier, regarding the proposed Blue River Campsite associated with the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. I have been asked to respond on the Premier's behalf, and I apologize for the delay in response.

As you know, the Province has concerns about the proposed project and its potential impacts. The Province does not believe there are appropriate conditions in place to ensure that potential land and marine spills from this project are properly mitigated and addressed. The Province is currently exploring legal remedies to address these concerns and to maintain our legal jurisdictional remedies to ensure the concerns and interests of British Columbians are protected.

I would like to assure you that the Province recognizes the importance of ensuring that local Indigenous community input to any proposed industrial work camps is carefully and fully considered. The Province remains steadfast in our resolve to ensure that any proposed camps are fully respectful of indigenous community needs and well-being. This viewpoint applies to all industrial work camps, and to that end, Provincial officials have been engaged with a number of indigenous partners to review our approach to regulating these work camps and would welcome your participation in our working group.

I understand the BC Oil and Gas Commission (BC OGC) also received a similar letter from Neskonlith on November 28, 2017. I have reviewed their response to your correspondence, and I am encouraged by the ongoing invitation to meet with your community at your earliest convenience to discuss worker camps.

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Additionally, I understand that there is an ongoing opportunity for your community to inform and influence the outcome of any decision made with regard to this project at the Aboriginal Engagement Roundtable.

The concerns you raise with regard to the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and fully understanding and addressing your Aboriginal rights and title are of the utmost importance to the Provincial Government. Key ministry staff in the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) would like to meet with you to discuss these important concerns further, with a particular focus on the impacts of short term worker camps in your community.

If you are interested in discussing additional aspects of the Kinder Morgan proposed worker camp, including the work by the National Energy Board, the Environmental Assessment Office, and the BC OGC to build conditions for the camp's operations, compliance, and enforcement, MIRR would be pleased to arrange this discussion with you. Additionally we would be pleased to have your participation and perspective on how we can improve how worker camps are regulated to ensure indigenous community interests are properly considered.

Alexandra Banford, Chief Negotiator - South Area, MIRR, will be reaching out to you to discuss further and propose dates for a meeting. You can contact Alexandra at [Alexandra.Banford@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Banford@gov.bc.ca) or by telephone at (250) 387-7796.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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Scott Fraser  
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**From:** Vesely, Andrew IRR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Request for info from MIRR - EMPR 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps  
**Attachments:** Letter 43301\_MSF to Chief Wilson\_27Mar18 - Signed.pdf  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Janet. Sure thing – letter attached.

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**From:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 11:39 AM  
**To:** Vesely, Andrew IRR:EX  
**Subject:** Request for info from MIRR - EMPR 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi Andrew,

Would it be possible for you to forward me a copy of the letter from MSF to Chief Wilson of Neskonlith & Chief Wilson's letter to MSF for our files?

Much appreciated,

Janet  
CU, EMPR

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**From:** Vesely, Andrew IRR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Lao, Jessamine EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: For follow-up: MIRR to advise EMPR - possible MIRR response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi. FYI. I meant to copy you – sorry.

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**From:** Vesely, Andrew IRR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 10:16 AM  
**To:** Beltrano, Linda MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** FW: For follow-up: MIRR to advise EMPR - possible MIRR response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi Linda –

Just following up about the UBCIC letter.

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UBCIC is just advising us of the resolution they have passed supporting the Women's Declaration; they are not asking for a meeting, a response to a

particular question or requesting additional information. If MEMPR would like to do an acknowledgement letter, MIRR suggests it come from them; we can do a quick review.

Separately the letter from MSF to Chief Wilson of Neskonlith has now been sent out and those particular concerns and opportunities for discussion related to the Blue River camp through MIRR have been offered.

Andrew

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**From:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:55 AM  
**To:** Nash, Laurel IRR:EX; Banford, Alexandra R IRR:EX  
**Cc:** IRR Correspondence Unit IRR:EX  
**Subject:** MIRR to advise EMPR - possible MIRR response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi Laurel & Alexandra,

s.13 Min. Fraser was  
copied on the letter.

Could you please review the attached from Grand Chief Phillip & Co-signers & advise if MIRR will respond & cc Min. Mungall.

Thanks,

Janet  
CU, EMPR

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**From:** Beltrano, Linda EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Lao, Jessamine EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: OIG to advise CU - who can/should draft response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Janet

In reviewing the letter the best place for a response is MIR. MIR and specifically Alexandra Banfield and Laurel Nash who have been working on the Blue River Camp.

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**To:** Beltrano, Linda EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Lao, Jessamine EMPR:EX  
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Hi Linda,

Further to our phone conversation, please review the attached incoming & advise who can/should draft a response.

Thank you,

Janet  
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**From:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 8:52 AM  
**To:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MO to advise CU - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

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Hi Kate,

Min. Fraser responded & MIRR sent me a file copy, so yes, it has been dealt with.

Thx,

Janet

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**From:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 8:17 AM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MO to advise CU - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Morning,

I might be confused but did we deal with this one already?

Let me know  
Thanks

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**From:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** April 6, 2018 11:43 AM  
**To:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX <[EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** MO to advise CU - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning,

I received the below recommendation from MIRR regarding the incoming from Grand Chief Phillip.

Please advise if MO wants an acknowledgement sent to him from Min. Mungall. Suggested acknowledgement:

Dear Grand Chief Phillip and Co-signers:

Thank you for your March 22, 2018 correspondence regarding UBCIC Resolution 2018-04 and for taking the time to write about this important issue. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Ministry staff for their information.

I appreciate the opportunity to hear from you, as your engagement is crucial to our democracy and it helps inform my work within the Ministry.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Please let me know if MO approves & I'll sent it out.

Thanks,

Janet  
CU, EMPR

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**From:** Vesely, Andrew IRR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Lao, Jessamine EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: For follow-up: MIRR to advise EMPR - possible MIRR response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi. FYI. I meant to copy you – sorry.

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**From:** Vesely, Andrew IRR:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 10:16 AM  
**To:** Beltrano, Linda MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** FW: For follow-up: MIRR to advise EMPR - possible MIRR response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi Linda –

Just following up about the UBCIC letter.

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UBCIC is just advising us of the resolution they have passed supporting the Women's Declaration; they are not asking for a meeting, a response to a particular question or requesting additional information. If MEMPR would like to do an acknowledgement letter, MIRR suggests it come from them; we can do a quick review.

Separately the letter from MSF to Chief Wilson of Neskonlith has now been sent out and those particular concerns and opportunities for discussion related to the Blue River camp through MIRR have been offered.

Andrew

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**From:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:55 AM  
**To:** Nash, Laurel IRR:EX; Banford, Alexandra R IRR:EX  
**Cc:** IRR Correspondence Unit IRR:EX  
**Subject:** MIRR to advise EMPR - possible MIRR response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi Laurel & Alexandra,

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copied on the letter.

Min. Fraser was

Could you please review the attached from Grand Chief Phillip & Co-signers & advise if MIRR will respond & cc Min. Mungall.

Thanks,

Janet  
CU, EMPR

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**From:** Beltrano, Linda EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Lao, Jessamine EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: OIG to advise CU - who can/should draft response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Janet

In reviewing the letter the best place for a response is MIR. MIR and specifically Alexandra Banfield and Laurel Nash who have been working on the Blue River Camp.

Linda Beltrano  
Executive Lead  
Oil Infrastructure Group  
Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources  
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**From:** EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Beltrano, Linda EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** Lao, Jessamine EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** OIG to advise CU - who can/should draft response - 104277 Grand Chief Phillip - Kinder Morgan worker camps

Hi Linda,

Further to our phone conversation, please review the attached incoming & advise who can/should draft a response.

Thank you,

Janet  
CU, EMPR

## EMPR Correspondence EMPR:EX

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**From:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:45 PM  
**To:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX  
**Subject:** EMPR CU to ENV CU - March 22 UBCIC Letter to Canada and BC re. Support for the Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps - see 104277  
**Attachments:** 2018Mar22\_UBCICtoCanBC\_KMManCamps\_finalcombined.pdf  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi,

I'm forwarding this to ENV for review & determination if ENV should respond.

Please advise. Thanks,

Janet  
CU, EMPR

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**From:** Matthew Norris [<mailto:matthew@ubcic.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:52 PM  
**To:** [jim.carr@parl.gc.ca](mailto:jim.carr@parl.gc.ca); Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** March 22 UBCIC Letter to Canada and BC re. Support for the Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps

Dear Minister James Gordon-Carr and Minister Michelle Mungall,

Please find attached the March 22 UBCIC Letter to BC and Canada re. Support for the Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps.

Têniki,

**Matthew Norris**  
*Policy Analyst*

**Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs**

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March 22, 2018

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**RE: UBCIC Resolution 2018-04 “Support for the Women’s Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps”**

Dear Minister James Gordon-Carr and Minister Michelle Mungall,

We are writing with respect to UBCIC Resolution 2018-04, “Support for the Women’s Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps,” which was presented, affirmed and endorsed by consensus at the UBCIC Chiefs Council on February 21, 2018 (enclosed).

The UBCIC calls on the federal and provincial governments to respect the laws and authority of First Nations, and to protect against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon and the waterways.

The Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion, like other major resource projects, rely on the establishment of temporary work camps to provide labour to remote areas. These “man camps” provide temporary employee housing to thousands of mostly non-Indigenous male workers, who are legally disallowed from bringing their families. These work camps harbor a hyper-masculine industrial camp culture which can result in increased risk of sexual harassment and assault; increase levels of violence against women in sex work and hitchhiking; child care and gender inequity; vulnerability of women and road safety concerns; capacity strains on already limited social and health services; traditional use and

rights impacts as non-aboriginal people hunt and fish on their time-off; and pressures on community based and regional infrastructure.

The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the government of Canada adopted without qualification, and, alongside the government of BC committed to implement, affirms:

**Article 22(2):** States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination.

**Article 24(2):** Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right.

**Article 32**

- (1) Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.
- (2) States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources.
- (3) States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

Indigenous communities, particularly women and children, are the most vulnerable and at risk of experiencing the negative effects of industrial camps. Last year Amnesty International released a report calling for the National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls to specifically examine violence tied to resource development.

Currently, Kinder Morgan is applying for a 1000-worker Blue River Campsite on 16 hectares of Indigenous lands where the Secwepemc harvest berries. The Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors have developed the *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps*, which calls on all signatories to "stand together against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon, the waterways."

By UBCIC Resolution 2018-04 the UBCIC Chiefs Council endorsed the Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors' *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps*.

The UBCIC Chiefs Council commits to actively support the Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors in their continued fight against man camps and strongly opposes the development of man camps in Indigenous territories.

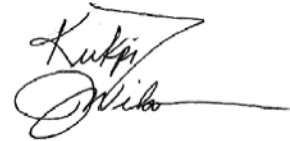
**On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS**



Grand Chief Stewart Phillip  
President



Chief Robert Chamberlin  
Vice-President



Kukpi7 Judy Wilson  
Secretary-Treasurer

CC: UBCIC Chiefs Council  
Honourable Carolyn Bennet, Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs  
Honourable Ralph Goodale, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness  
Honourable Patricia A. Hajdu, Department of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour  
Honourable Maryam Monsef, Department of Status of Women  
Honourable Scott Fraser, Ministry of Indigenous relations and Reconciliation.  
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Resolution no. 2018-04

## RE: Support for the Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps

**WHEREAS** major resource projects rely on the establishment of temporary work camps to provide labour to remote areas;

**WHEREAS** “man camps” provide temporary employee housing to thousands of mostly non-Indigenous male workers, who are legally disallowed from bringing their families;

**WHEREAS** these work camps harbor a hyper-masculine industrial camp culture which can result in increased risk of sexual harassment and assault; increase levels of violence against women in sex work and hitchhiking; child care and gender inequity; vulnerability of women and road safety concerns; capacity strains on already limited social and health services; traditional use and rights impacts as non-aboriginal people hunt and fish on their time-off; and pressures on community based and regional infrastructure;

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**WHEREAS** last year Amnesty International released a report calling for the National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls to specifically examine violence tied to resource development;

**WHEREAS** Kinder Morgan is applying for a 1000-worker Blue River Campsite on 16 hectares of our lands where the Secwepemc harvest berries;

**WHEREAS** the Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors have developed the *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps*, which calls on all signatories to "stand together against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon, the waterways;" and

**WHEREAS** by UBCIC Resolution 2017-15 the UBCIC Chiefs Council directed the UBCIC Executive to work with affected members to seek adequate resources to support its work and engage technical advisors to develop and implement an integrated strategy to oppose the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain tankers and pipelines project, including determining the most effective ways to support:

- Strategies grounded in Indigenous territorial authority and the exercise of Indigenous law;
- Legal challenges to the federal approval of the Trans Mountain project and other future legal proceedings that may be filed;
- A Citizens Initiative focused on preventing threats to water and health from the transportation of diluted bitumen, and related organizing efforts;
- Financial pressure and divestment strategies; and
- Collaboration between coastal and interior Indigenous peoples, with Indigenous and non-Indigenous allies, and with aligned local governments.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council hereby endorses the Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors' *Women's Declaration Against Kinder Morgan Man Camps* and directs the UBCIC Executive to sign the Declaration;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council commits to actively support the Women's Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors in their continued fight against man camps and strongly opposes the development of man camps in Indigenous territories; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive to work with the Secwepemc Warrior Society and the Tiny House Warriors to urge the federal and provincial governments to respect the laws and authority of First Nations, and to protect against any and all threats to our peoples, our women, our two-spirits, our children, our lands, the wildlife, the salmon and the waterways.

**Moved:** Kukpi7 Ryan Day, Bonaparte Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Luke George, Tseshah First Nation (Proxy)  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** February 21, 2018

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 7:20 PM  
**To:** Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, TRD JTT:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MMHA MMHA:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Issues Concerning Canadian Sovereignty

July 11, 2018

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I am writing you today to describe my distress and concern regarding the Kinder Morgan Project pipeline and increased tanker traffic in the Burrard Inlet, the Site C Project, to build a third dam on the Peace River, as well as the immigration protocols presently in place in Canada. These issues are integral to most Canadians.

People have said, "they will sacrifice their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren's future for a temporary job. Yet I have worked in Fort McMurray s.22 and everyone of those men and women working on all the tar sands sites, would say every morning as they passed Syncrude's belching stack or the running waste into the ponds, "I won't miss this when I leave this place." "I hate this place and will be glad to not have to work here." "Yes, I have had a good life and been able to provide well for my children." Yet, what of their children's children? Do they not count for the future of Canada? Is Canada a one-off country that only does what is right when it feels good. Are we ever going to go against the corporate greed we are being smothered in?

I am appalled to see the extreme occurrences that are happening in Canada, specifically our legal and electoral governance. s.22  
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to see how the idea of fighting your government for something better is our right, not a legal opportunity to have a slap suit, rendering our democratic to be bankrupt and put in jail. This is what occurs in 3rd world countries, not Canada - right - wrong!

### **KINDER MORGAN**

The demonstrations against Kinder Morgan's pipeline speak:

1. Kinder Morgan is an old pipeline and has numerous leaks.
2. Kinder Morgan is not the best company we should be doing business with.
3. The pipeline will have dirty bitumen flowing down the pipe until it reaches the BC coast, Burrard Inlet. At present the fuel yard is in the most beautiful part of Burnaby, BC, where scenery and forestry and quietness were the place people bought homes in that area. It is common sense to realize a fuel yard should be nowhere near a community. The Burnaby people have fought hard for four years and

understand clearly, governments are dishonest, they do not tell the truth. They just keep you busy until you get tired and give up.

4. It is my understanding the bitumen in the pipeline will be pumped into tankers that will carry the bitumen down the west coast to US refineries to be processed. Before the last recession in 2011, four refineries were to be built in Fort Saskatchewan, where the bitumen was to be processed, rather than the US, giving Canada a greater share of the profits. After 2011, this was cancelled by the Koch Brothers and Canada as a good neighbour said, "sure we don't mind giving up our profit, go ahead." This should have been enough to not send the bitumen down south. Yet the biggest issue is the "for sure" realities that an oil spill will occur in the coastal waters, north or south or between ports inbetween. Alaska is definitely not in favour of this agreement at any level, as they are still cleaning up their spill. It is not how or if or "we have this all covered in response time," it is WHEN!
5. The small spill in Stanley Park that occurred a few years ago did not get tackled or cleaned or mitigated for almost 24 hours. Local people with boats were on the water first pulling up buckets of raw oil in the park. Imaging how fast and how well we will do when we have a spill in our boisterous Pacific coast. It is extraordinary to think that people don't believe it will happen, that Canada will be able to fix it, that it won't affect our tourism, our natural beauty, our food fisheries, our seafood harvest. It will not be a problem.

#### **SITE C DAM**

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In the Lakes District, farming was in abundance by settlers and First Nations together. Hunting, trapping, logging, food fisheries and berry picking were the mainstay diet of the First Nations.

So in the late 1940s, former WAC Bennett decided to dam the Peace River. This occurrence is seared in my mind due to the impact it has had on many men who worked in the field, many farmers and the displacement of First Nations people. The story never gets old, If you went into the Skin Tyee Band Office, you would see 1950s maps on the wall, as if it was now. It feels as if you are going back in time. The Skin Tyee were moved from the lake area and sent up to a grass knoll far back from the water where their hunting, fishing and gathering were harder to achieve. Every spring, the Cheslatta people watch the flooding of their graveyards and coffins floating in the water.

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Farmers who were forced to surrender their land moved away and never have come back to their homesteads. The Tweedsmuir Lake Circle Tour, formerly a global tourist destination stop, does not exist anymore the lakes have been broken up through the dam. "It was called a masterpiece of engineering."

informed the First Nations, that they should mark their territories, in case in the future, the government decided to allow logging in the lake. He said, "perhaps then they will consult with you." This the people did and it was good advice.

In the 1990s, the forest companies experimented in logging the submerged logs. The companies had to comply with standard environmental laws and FN consultation. Endangered water nesters were protected. How much of the logs were logged? Who knows?! The debate is still on whether it is environmentally safe to pull out the trees, cut the trees, release the mercury from the trees or the soils of the lake, flooded in the 1950s.

No one can boat up Ootsa Lake, as deadheads, even after 57 years, as deadheads pop up and create a deadly hazard for boaters. Only experienced guides have permission to travel on the lake. Ootsa Lake a northern coldwater lake was now double in size.

I have swam in the the barrenland water bodies, northern lakes in Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and BC. Nothing compares to the frigid temperatures of Ootsa Lake. It is so unbearably cold that all a person can do is put your feet in and run out. This former beautiful body of water, now doubled in size is no good for fishing, no good for boating, no good for swimming. It is just a huge body of extremely cold water.

Prosperity has not come to the farmers, the FN and to the communities in the Lakes District. Hwy 16 reflects the beautiful landscapes but the communities have struggled to survive, even though the people in the Lower Mainland, have opportunities and recreational facilities in abundance. Hydro is not cheap there anymore, it is high. It has not provided the promised employment.

The Social Credit Government was deaf to the pleas from royalty from around the world, Europe, Middle East and South America. It was deaf to the cries of the First Nations and the national populace. Needless to say, it took over 50 years before the BC populace voted in a liberal government and then they voted them out.

#### The Present:

It is my understanding that BC Hydro is refusing to buy excess solar electricity from FN bands, as it has enough electricity and doesn't want it. So why are we doing it?

It is my understanding that any correspondence between or from people who do not support the Site C dam has been copied from websites, emails, facebook pages and used in the court case against the people. BC Hydro is under such a strain from the resistance (imagine we are living a democracy, I believe) that even anything said or done or demonstrated makes their costs go up in the range of a nuclear fallout. I can't imagine what the costs would be if the dam burst (almost did on the Bennett Dam, due to poor maintenance a few years ago). BC Hydro must be cashing in on the court's leniency towards them to save up for a disaster should it happen.

It is my understanding the the courts have given BC Hydro every single one of the permits, even while not sharing their information to the local opponents to the project in the area. BC Hydro has had security men coming in and out the sacred places, going on people's property, snooping around as if these citizens are doing something wrong.



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- c) "Government and the people are not interested to know the dam is being built on geotechnically unstable earth. It will slough into the river every year.
  - d) "No one cares what happens to the Peace and Athabaskan Deltas. The media is only interested in their big stories, not on the big story of the damming of the two major watersheds.
  - e) "No one is listening to the fact that the Site C dam area is perfect for growing and creating food security for BC and Alberta. The alluvial soils, climate ecosites and the temperatures in this area fit perfectly to creating a breadbasket to feed the world.
  - f) "No one sees the Peace as a sustainable, beautiful place to live, only a place to make money.
  - g) "It is criminal that the only thing they want to do is destroy the Peace, as fast as possible, spend as much public funds as possible, so the courts and the governments will say, "we have to do this we have made such progress and spent so much money!"
  - h) "No present day court or government is respecting Treaty 8, indigenous, settler right, even though it is against the international law and courts.
  - i) No one cares that Canada speaks from both sides of its mouth and is not being truthful to its citizens, its FN peoples, its international integrity, its global influence in the world.

What will be left after the Peace River Site C is completed:

1. Canada will have another destroyed beautiful landscape (this is why it is called the Peace),
2. Catastrophic environmental, economic and spiritual devastation for the Peace & Athabaskan Deltas.
3. Destruction of areas necessary for the Treaty 8, FN and settler people to carry out their cultural, religious, food security practices,
4. No opportunities for young people to be farmers in the Site C area to make northern BC, the breadbasket for the world.
5. No more opportunities to protect pristine waterways, ecological, archaeological and historical sites in the Peace Site C area, as all the area will be underwater.
6. No opportunities to be reconciled with the First Nation, Treaty 8, Metis, Inuit and settler peoples, as the actions of the Federal and Provincial governments and their departments are NOT abiding by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedom.
7. The Canadian public will no longer be able to say: "We are sorry," "Yes we want reconciliation, Yes, we want our First Nation, Metis, Inuit peoples to be full partnership with Canada."

**IMMIGRATION**

The leads me to speak loudly about the mess we have created by consecutive governments regarding immigration. People speak about the following:

1. Most refugees or immigrants that are brought in have money. Only a few people that are poor make the cut
2. Children are separated from their parents in the hearings
3. Families have to flee to sanctuary cities or be deported back to the unsafe places they fled from.
4. People cannot wait in line if their children and family are going to be killed

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5. The government says it wants people to come to Canada, yet our record shows that for the land space we have, the people we have, we have not made space for more people.
  6. Refugees are looked on as unwanted, illegal, migrant, not one of us, I thought Canada would be a better place.

I was blessed to have parents and grandparents who have compassion for all people. I was brought to believe that we are s.22

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I give you this record of my family, as I am so passionate about Canada's environment, cultures, religions, governments, democracy and opportunities and hope. I am saddened and overwhelmed at the abuse of power by governments in majorities / minorities, who do not listen to the people and only want to get elected.

Governments are taking the HOPE from people by their actions. Apathy and disenfranchisement is a cancer spreading into our psyche. Governments are not listening at any level. Governments and bureaucrats and industry are not listening to what the people of Canada desire, Over the years I have seen an apathy, even within myself, as the governments are not listening. The entities are not moving forward to make Canada a beautiful place.

Politicians discriminate against people they do not know by their policies. The people of colour, difference in religious practices, gender and sexual differences, and mostly poverty citizens. People going hungry, people living on our streets, people not being able to participate in the work place, people not receiving adequate medical care. If we do not care for our citizens, how can we welcome refugees and give them the support and love needed for

them to embrace Canada in all its goodness. No one is listening to the poor people and the mosaic of concerns written on their faces.

This is happening in the hearings in the basement of the Vancouver Public Library. We cannot say we did not know what was going on, this is shameful at all levels, especially because of BC's history, the residential school travesty, incarceration of the Japanese and Germans during WWII, children taken away from Doukabout families. When does it end?

I am extremely agitated to hear that a judge in an immigration case will let a lawyer say the following words and agree with him, as the rule of law, "If you do not have Canadian citizenship, you are not eligible for any human rights or services in Canada." Since when does a person not have a human right. Since when does a lawyer and a judge agree this is the rule of law." This not the rule of law, this is the rule of today! For shame, for shame. This is not core value as to how Canada was to be. This is not the scripture readings that are written on our buildings in Ottawa, Ontario.

I suggest members of the Executive Council, you take the time to go to outlying reserves, northern communities along Hwy 16, Stewart Cassiar, Hart Highway. Talk to the people in the Peace River area that will be affected by this 3rd dam of the Peace. As them why they are willing to stand against the Goliath, (industry, federal and provincial governments and media) and attempt to be the David in this situation, with no finances, no big pockets, no support.

How is it that so much wealth comes from the north but northern communities lack transportation infrastructure, health and food security, medical and educational opportunities, as they do in Nordic countries? As the Official party of BC, you will be remembered not for the balanced budget but for fairness and sustained hope for all people and families. Democracy and integrity and truth must be the benchmarks you make your decisions on.

When I was a child, WAC Bennett was worshipped as a person who made things happen. We are living with his legacy - If we had to do it over again, would we still dam our rivers, flood our lands, make our First Nations, homeless, in their own territories, and destroy natural habitats, species and ecosystems that were made to last forever.

Today, we have few leaders willing to go the extra mile, put their necks on the chopping block and stand up for Canada, break the back of greed and destruction, of slavery of our environment, poverty of our people. I hope you will listen to my words.

I believe every human being is a hero, it is when God calls you; do you listen or walk away. No one knows except you the decision for your lifetime.

Sincerely

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Langley, BC s.22





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You've got to love honesty....well, if you're not a Liberal. For those able and willing, a quick read that will make you feel good inside.

Betsy Cornwell

22 weeks eh? And using the same "flawed" people and processes originally put in place by the oil/gas people who bent the Harper Govt. to its will - to the extent that throughout the history of the Tar sands development, the lethal effects of the dirty oil coming out of Alberta on the global environment were not even part of the discussion!

This existing NEB is so tainted that the decision is a foregone conclusion. Once again contrary opinions about: the economic viability of dilbit in the world's petro economy will still be ignored; the calculations on how much additional carbon/methane will be released into the atmosphere will not weigh in the balance; the fact that there is NO effective means of "cleaning/removing" spilled fossil fuel from oceans and other waterways; the fact that this particular pipeline is crossing tectonically active territory which makes its integrity problematical - even minor earth tremors can trigger pipeline failure; the fact that the existing pipeline has a dismal record of failures.... None of that has changed, nothing has changed except the ownership of this disaster.

The negative effects on indigenous communities of hordes of horny pipeline workers hunting for drugs/alcohol/women will still be discounted. The empty promises of jobs and prosperity will still be overstated and all of this misinformation, perversion of facts has to be favourably resolved before the next Alberta provincial election - and God willing and the creek don't rise, laid to rest before the next federal election. Now, who's whistling past the graveyard?

Just how much difference is the new, improved (?) NEB going to make - after the fact?

I told you you'd like it....if you weren't a Liberal.