



Idle No More Policy

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Preamble:

Whereas Idle No More calls on all people to join in a non-violent revolution which honors and fulfills indigenous sovereignty;

Whereas the Treaties are nation to nation agreements that cannot be altered or broken by one side of the two nations; and that the spirit and intent of the treaty agreements meant the First Nations peoples would share the land; but retain their inherent rights to land and resources; Instead; First Nations peoples have experienced a history of colonization which has resulted in outstanding land claims; lack of resources and unequal funding for services such as education and housing;

Whereas Canada has become a wealthy nation by using the land and resources as outlined in treaties; including but not limited to mining logging; oil and fishing; some of the poorest first nations communities have mines or other developments on their land but do not get a share of the profit; The taking of resources has left many lands and waters poisoned – and we cannot live without the land and the water;

Whereas Bill C-45, introduced by the Harper Government on October 18; 2012; seeks to change inherently important aspects of the Indian Act; the Navigation Protection Act; and the Environmental Assessment Act; As conscionable members of our planet; we must adhere to and respect the land and resources that provide us with the tools that make life possible on Earth; Therefore;

Resolution:

BIRT the Idle No More movement be supported by the Kwantlen Student Association. As well as all the rights designated in the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights.