

## **North Shore Pipeline Resolution 2012 06 03**

The Westcoast Chapter of CUSJ proposed the following motion to the NSUC regarding proposed oil pipelines in B.C:

- “1. WHEREAS: The members of the North Shore Unitarian Church promote environmental sustainability, according to the Unitarian principle of “respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part”, and
2. WHEREAS: most First Nations oppose the construction of pipelines through their traditional territories, and that Canada is a signatory to The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which promotes "free, informed, and prior consent" by indigenous peoples before intrusion on their traditional territories, and
3. WHEREAS: massively increased pipeline capacity entails unacceptable risk to the environment and economy of BC from potential major oil spills along the pipeline routes as well as in our coastal waters, and
4. WHEREAS: oil sands oil extraction is highly polluting, and contributes significantly to Canada’s high carbon emissions, at a time when Canada should be reducing its contribution to climate change,
5. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the North Shore Unitarian Church, express hereby our opposition to the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline to Kitimat, B.C., and to the proposed expansion of the Kinder-Morgan pipeline to Burnaby, B.C, and
6. THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we authorize and request our church president to communicate this resolution to elected officials, other faith groups, First Nations peoples, environmental and social justice organizations, and journalists.”

The secret ballot vote on the main motion then took place and after counting of the votes by the appointed ballot counters, the motion was APPROVED (77 in favour, 11 opposed).