

## Social and Environmental Justice

April 20, 2022

Name: Sarah Ng

### No Meeting in March

SEJ did not meet in March; however, there were a number of motions sent by members that will be addressed below and at future meetings.

### Committee Endorsement

SEJ held an extraordinary meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> to endorse a candidate for the 2022-2023 SEJ Chair on EC. At the time of writing this report, there were two nominees: Cynthia Ganatra (BRIT) and Jillian Maguire (KITS).

**Action, Feedback, Motion required from Executive**

### Notice of Motion on Old Growth Forests

As we had no meeting in March, the following motions were not discussed at the SEJ table. They have been put forward by Jillian Maguire (KITS) and as they align with the environmental purview of SEJ, I am moving them at this table as the SEJ chair.

Motion: S.Ng/K.Shipley

That the Federation endorse the Save Old Growth campaign and demand that the government draft legislation to immediately end all Old Growth logging in the province of British Columbia.

Rationale: Old Growth forests are an essential carbon sink and reduce the risk and severity of floods and landslides. Only 2.7% of BC's original productive old growth forests remain. Saving these precious and important ecosystems is an essential step in preserving a livable future.

[Save Old Growth Campaign](#)

Clear Cut – Before and After photos

<https://www.tjwatt.com/caycuse-before-after>

Book Resource: [Big Lonely Doug by Harley Rustad](#)

Available through your school librarian.

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If passed at this body, LR's will take this to RA in May.

### Notice of Motion on Net Zero and Active Transportation

Motion: S.Ng/K.Shipley

That the Federation request an urgent meeting with the Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside, to outline our pressing concerns in light of the most recent IPCC\* report and call for decisive and immediate action from the Minister to address the climate emergency and

take steps to reduce carbon emissions including: retrofitting all schools to net zero no later than 2030 and providing renewable bussing/walking/cycling options for all staff no later than 2025.

Rationale: The IPCC report is very clear that there is a very small and rapidly closing window to make substantial changes to our relationship with carbon emissions if we want to have a habitable planet.

\*Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is the United Nations Body for assessing science on climate change.

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