

Key BCTF Decisions on Fossil Fuel Extraction and Climate Change Updated August 2020

EC	<p>June 2020 Just Recovery for All That the Federation endorse the principles of Just Recovery for All.</p>
	<p>February 2020 Student Climate Strike That the April 3 Student Climate Strike be promoted at the BCTF AGM by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. promoting the social justice pamphlet 2. displaying the handout on the screen. <p>Green New Deal That the Executive Committee recommend to the Representative Assembly that the Federation endorse the Green New Deal and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. work with other unions and social justice organizations to advance the Green New Deal policy and vision 2. engage members in discussions about the Green New Deal through zone meetings, workshops, Summer Conference, and <i>Teacher</i> magazine. <p>Labour and Climate Justice Roundtable That the BCTF collaborate with other unions to host a Labour and Climate Justice Roundtable.</p>
	<p>October 2019 Youth Climate Strikers That the EC recommend to the Fall RA: That the Federation encourage locals and members to participate in demonstrative action in solidarity with the youth climate strikers and the global climate strikes.</p>
	<p>September 2019 Global School Climate Strikes That the Federation offer to send the Environmental Justice Action Group of CASJ to the Global School Climate Strikes planned for September 20 and 27, 2019.</p> <p>Support for students attending school climate strikes That the Federation send a letter to Boards of Education encouraging them to support students who wish to attend the School Climate Strikes of September 20 and 27 and their teachers who wish to organize field trips to accompany their students to the actions by encouraging administrator officers to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. excuse student absences on both dates 2. provide administrative support to teachers planning field trips on those days.
	<p>June 2019 Green New Deal That the BCTF encourage members to participate in meetings and information sessions regarding the Green New Deal.</p>

May 2019

AGM Resolution 166 Follow Up

Policy on Climate Change

That the Executive Committee refer BCTF policy on climate change to the Committee for Action on Social Justice and the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee with a request to consider potential member-engagement mechanisms.

A Green New Deal

That the Committee for Action on Social Justice be requested to provide advice on A Green New Deal relative to the BCTF's position adopted in Recommendation 44 by the 2019 AGM.

April 2019

Canadian Teachers' Federation

Climate change

That the BCTF recommend to the 2019 CTF

AGM:

That the CTF:

1. call on governments at all levels to recognize:
 - a. the imminent threat to the planet posed by climate change.
 - b. reduction in energy and resource use is the first step in mitigating climate change.
 - c. the urgent need to develop alternative energy sources.
 - d. that decisions taken on climate and use of fossil fuels disproportionately affect future generations, Indigenous peoples, and those living outside of oil-producing nations.
 - e. that a just transition plan is required for workers in the energy sector, and associated industries, so that they can access similarly remunerated employment in other sectors in the region in which they currently live.
2. further call on governments to call, review, and amend curriculum to include climate change in each year from K–12.

February 2019

Donation of \$5,000 to Seth Klein towards research and writing of his book on mobilizing for the climate emergency.

November 22–23, 2017

Public inquiry into fracking

That the BCTF endorse the CCPA's call for a formal public inquiry into fracking in BC.

March 2, 2017

Letter of support to Chairman David Archambault and citizens of the Standing Rock Reservation Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

September 13–14, 2012

October 21 demonstration against the tar sands pipelines and tankers

That the Federation endorse the demonstration against the tar sands pipelines and tankers on BC coasts slated for October 21 in Victoria.

September 13–14, 2012

BCTF resolutions to the BC Federation of Labour Convention—Solidarity with Aboriginal people

That the following resolution be submitted to the 2012 BC Federation of Labour Convention:

Because the burning of fossil fuels greatly accelerates climate change (and the methods used to transport them creates massive risks for our sacred waters and lands, both having irreversible negative impacts for future generations); now

The Federation will call on all unions to work in solidarity with Aboriginal people to oppose:

1. the construction of the Northern Gateway twin pipelines
2. the proposed industrial development—from coal bed methane extraction, to coal mining, mineral mining, and hydropower—that threaten the Sacred Headwaters of the Skeena, Nass, and Stikine rivers
3. Kinder Morgan’s plans to twin the Trans Mountain pipeline
4. the proposed Keystone Gulf Coast expansion project that would supply Alberta crude oil beginning at Hardisty, Alberta, and extend southeast through Saskatchewan, Montana, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

June 7–9, 2012

Dogwood Initiative

That the BCTF donate \$500 to the Dogwood Initiative for their ongoing No Tankers and Enbridge Pipeline campaigns.

February 23–24, 2012

That the Executive Committee recommend to the AGM that the BCTF act in solidarity with the Aboriginal people to oppose:

1. the construction of the Northern Gateway twin pipelines
2. the proposed industrial development that threatens the Sacred Headwaters to the Skeena, Nass, and Stikine
3. “Prosperity Mine” in the Chilcotin
4. Kinder Morgan’s plans to twin the Trans Mountain pipeline
5. the proposed Keystone Pipeline.

October 20–21, 2010

Lubicon land

That the Federation urge the government of Alberta to ensure that no new oil and gas development is permitted on Lubicon land except with the agreement of the Lubicon Cree.

Bill C-300

That the Federation express support for Bill C-300, An Act Respecting Corporate Accountability for the Activities of Mining, Oil, and Gas in Developing Countries.

April 8–10, 2010

Enbridge Gateway pipeline proposal

That the BCTF join with First Nations, environmental groups, and concerned British Columbians to oppose the Enbridge Gateway pipeline proposal.

<p>RA</p>	<p>Spring 2020 Green New Deal That the Federation endorse the Green New Deal and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. work with other unions and social justice organizations to advance the Green New Deal policy and vision 2. engage members in discussions about the Green New Deal through zone meetings, workshops, Summer Leadership Conference, and <i>Teacher</i> magazine. <p>P490 2020–2021 Budget 600500–5020 Issue Sessions: Budget Carried BCTF’s contribution towards the hosting of a Labour and Climate Justice Roundtable and the participation of 10 BCTF members.</p>
	<p>Winter 2020 Climate Change Action Campaign That the BCTF develop a campaign to encourage all teachers to incorporate climate change action into their teaching.</p>
	<p>Fall 2019 Solidarity with youth climate strikers That the Federation encourage locals and members to participate in demonstrative action in solidarity with the youth climate strikers and the global climate strikes.</p>
	<p>Spring 2019 School Strike for Climate movement That the BCTF write an open letter of support for the School Strike for Climate movement and encourage locals to participate in their actions.</p> <p>Trade Unions for Energy Democracy That the BCTF Executive Committee bring recommendations to the Fall 2019 Representative Assembly on how the BCTF will work in advancing the goals and initiatives of the Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED).</p> <p>Student Climate Strike movement That the BCTF support the student Climate Strike on the next world-wide day of action that is organized to demand action on the climate emergency.</p>
	<p>Winter 2019 Solidarity with the hereditary chiefs and Wet’suwet’en people That the BCTF support and stand in solidarity with the hereditary chiefs and Wet’suwet’en people in respecting sovereignty over their land.</p>

	<p>Winter 2019 Public actions on climate change That the Federation encourage members to attend major public actions such as marches, rallies, and demonstrations organized by groups that are geared toward raising awareness about climate change, global warming, and the deleterious impacts of the fossil fuel industry on the environment, our waterways, and our coast lines.</p> <hr/> <p>Fall 2010 Resolution 172—Offshore oil exploration and drilling That the BCTF lobby the provincial and federal governments to maintain the 1972 moratorium on offshore oil exploration and drilling.</p>
AGM	<p>2019 AGM Resolution 107—Climate change That the BCTF liaise with the Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF) to advance the issue of climate change and promote its importance in terms of relevance to the lives of all our members, their families, their students, and their communities.</p> <hr/> <p>2019 AGM Recommendation 44—Climate change That the Federation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. call on governments at all levels to recognize: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the imminent threat to the planet posed by climate change b. reduction in energy and resource use is the first step in resolving climate change c. the urgent need to develop alternative energy sources d. that decisions taken on climate and use of fossil fuels disproportionately affect future generations, Indigenous peoples, and those living outside of oil-producing nations. 2. further call on governments to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ensure 100% of our electricity comes from renewable resources within two decades b. limit infrastructure projects that depend upon increased extraction c. implement and increase progressive taxes on carbon emissions d. direct significant tax dollars toward renewable resources and associated industries e. immediately end all subsidies to corporations that rely on extraction, refinement, transportation, or distribution of fossil fuels f. ensure that a just transition plan is in place for workers in the energy sector and associated industries, so that they can access similarly remunerated employment in other sectors in the region in which they currently live g. call on the Ministry of Education to review and amend curriculum to include climate change in each year from K–12 across subjects and included as a Big Idea in the Grade 10 Science curriculum.
	<p>2019 AGM Resolution 166—Global warming and climate change reports That the BCTF Executive Committee lobby the provincial government in the areas of global warming and climate change and that it prepares a report for each RA including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. when it broached the topic of climate change and global warming with the government 2. the nature of the government’s response future plans/actions as a result of the lobbying the BCTF Executive Committee plans to undertake.

2018 AGM

That the BCTF reaffirm its opposition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion and that it stands in solidarity with the current protests led by the community and water protectors taking place at Burnaby Mountain.

2011 AGM

Resolution 128—Ethical investing

That the BCTF Executive Committee request that the BC Investment Management Corporation (bcIMC), through which BCTF teachers invest their pension funds:

1. divest of its stocks in pipeline operator Enbridge
2. reinvest these funds in profitable “green” enterprises that do not pose a threat to the environment nor disrupt the lifestyles and rights of Aboriginal peoples.