

Demands for Climate Strike: September 27, 2019

Federal

To the Government of Canada: We ask that you comply with the demands of the youth who are striking across the country. Here are our demands, which are based on those agreed upon by Canadian youth: We ask that the Canadian government commit fully to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We also demand that Canada implement bold migrants' rights laws that support those who are displaced as a result of the Canadian government's role in the climate crisis. We demand bold greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets that fall in line with the Paris climate accord. The Canadian government must legislate greenhouse gas emissions reductions of 65% by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2040. In order to do this the federal government must separate oil and state. This means the Canadian government must reject all new fossil fuel extraction or transportation projects, eliminate fossil fuel subsidies, and put a price on pollution. In so doing we must have a just transition to a renewable energy economy with good and sustainable jobs for all. The government must advocate for our rights to a healthy environment by enshrining this right in law. Finally, we demand the federal government protect at-risk species and commit to the protection of biodiversity by maintaining old-growth forests.

Provincial

To the provincial government of New Brunswick: We thank the Minister of Education, the Honorable Dominic Cardy for his promise to collaborate with environmental organizations to better climate change curriculums in New Brunswick public schools. We urge you to implement these changes immediately this term throughout all school grades. Today, we reiterate our asks that the provincial government stop resisting the carbon tax. We reinforce our commitment to the request that the government of New Brunswick not allow any current or future fracking projects to happen under the fracking moratorium. We insist that the provincial government of New Brunswick regulate corporate control over natural resources. Industries should not be allowed to exploit land and people for financial gain and the government of New Brunswick should not support this exploitation.

Municipal

To the Town of Sackville: We thank you for the establishment of the municipal roundtable on climate change. Moving ahead, we demand clear and consistent communication between the town, the newly implemented roundtable, and the citizens of Sackville. We would like to remind you that you committed to reviewing the Sustainable Sackville ten-year plan. We look forward to seeing you follow through on the bold action you promised us you would take, and we will continue to hold you accountable if you fail us.