

CALLS TO ACTION

WE CALL ON THE BC GOVERNMENT TO:

- Acknowledge the mental, emotional, spiritual, economic, and social harm done to local indigenous and non-indigenous communities, due to the Tailings Pond Dam Failure at Mount Polley Mine
- Organise a committee to oversee the compensation and restitution of these harmful results to affected indigenous and non-indigenous communities
- Introduce Legislation to codify into law a corporation's responsibility to fund the restitutions required by their negligence that resulted in environmental damage, destruction, or harm
- Fund the creation and development of an independent regulatory body to oversee the process of repairing damaged, destroyed, or harmed environments due to negligence
- Collaborate with the affected indigenous communities at every step of the process to repair these environments

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION!

An Informational Presentation will be held in the TRUSU Lecture Hall at 12pm on Tuesday, November 29th for anyone looking to get more information. After the presentation, we will walk around campus to raise awareness about these issues, as well as to hand out buttons.



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WHAT HAPPENED?

WHO IS AFFECTED?



The Mount Polley Mine Disaster affected over 20 First Nation Communities

The ʔEsdilagh First Nation, Lhtako Dene First Nation, Nak'azdli Band, Simpcw First Nation, Sekw'el'wás First Nation, Spuzzum First Nation, Stswemecem'c Xgat'tem, T'it'q'et First Nation, T'exelcemc, T'eqt'aqtn'mux First Nation, T'it'q'et First Nation, Tl'azt'en Nation, Tl'esqox First Nation, Tl'etinqox First Nation, Tsal'alh First Nation, Tsi Deldel First Nation, Xaxli'p First Nation, Xat'sull First Nation, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation, Xwisten First Nation, and Yunesit'in Government all reported to be affected either emotionally, physically, spiritually, or economically.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



EDUCATE YOURSELF

This is just a single example of how the mining industry, and the BC Government has gotten away with infringing on and negatively affected indigenous rights.

TAKE ACTION!

And right now, you are doing just that! Attending informational sessions, listening to indigenous voices, and supporting indigenous initiatives are great ways that you can make an impact. Don't forget to spread the news as well! Peaceful Protests are a great way to engage the community in healthy discourse.

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MOUNT POLLEY

The Mount Polley Mine Disaster occurred in 2014, wherein the tailings pond dam failed and resulted in about 25 billion litres of contaminated materials to spill into Quesnel Lake, Hazeltine Creek, and Polley Lake. Research studies have proven that these toxic tailings have become bio-available, despite the claims made by the mining company. As a key route to salmon spawning grounds, this is a huge ecological blow.

Furthermore, the local indigenous communities have the right to subsist and part take in their traditional practices on these lands, which they may no longer be able to do because of this disaster. This clearly goes against the Government of BC's fiduciary duty to protect these rights. Mount Polley paid less than half of the cost to clean up their failed tailings pond, and have left BC taxpayers to pay the rest: over \$40 million.