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NAME OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Opposition to Construction of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline and the Related Passage of Oil Tankers Through the Douglas Channel

PROPOSERS: **Kate Chung, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto**
This resolution is supported by the requisite twenty-five individuals who are members at least three different member congregations located in at least three of the four CUC Regions, as required under Category E Proposers of the CUC Resolutions Process.

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DATE: **Approved by delegates at the Annual General Meeting, May 2013, as amended.**

Background

1. The Canadian Unitarian Council's principles call us to affirm and promote justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, and respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
2. The living tradition which we share draws from many sources, including:
 - Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
 - Wisdom from the world's religions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life;
 - Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
 - Spiritual teachings of Earth-centred traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.
3. The Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline threatens the air, the food sources, and the water upon which the people and all other living creatures of the land, rivers, coastal areas, and ocean depend for their life, health and well-being.
4. On Sept 24, 2012, the President of the Canadian Unitarian Council sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada stating the CUC's support for First Nations' rights, and the CUC's concerns about the dangers posed by the construction of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline.



Therefore be it resolved that

1. The Canadian Unitarian Council opposes the construction of the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline; and **related passage of oil tankers through the Douglas Channel;**
2. The Canadian Unitarian Council directs the Board and/or Executive Director of the Canadian Unitarian Council to communicate this decision to all member congregations, to the governments of Canada, Alberta and British Columbia, to Enbridge, and to all Canadians via a media release to major media outlets.



ACTION PLAN FOR PROPOSERS OF RESOLUTIONS
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An Action Plan accompanies each proposed resolution, outlining action steps that might be necessary to implement the resolution. This is to provide delegates with a clear idea of the resources that might be involved, and how much staff and volunteer time needs to be allocated.

Kate Chung and the supporters of this resolution propose the following actions to support the implementation of the resolution, if approved by delegates at the Annual General Meeting:

PROPOSED ACTION	DETAILS	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	SUGGESTED COMPLETION DATE
For proposer of resolution			
For Environment Monitoring Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Continue follow-up of this issue and related issues, including other pipelines, tar sands, and divestment of stocks	Chair and members	Ongoing
For CUC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Communicate this decision to all member congregations; to the governments of Canada, Alberta and British Columbia; to Enbridge; and to all Canadians via a media release to all major media outlets	Executive Director	31 May 2013
For Member Congregations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Communicate this decision to local media, community groups and political representatives•Follow up as needed, and support the work of the Environment Monitoring Group	President / Board of congregations Members, committees, boards	Ongoing