

**RESOLUTION (No. 3)**  
**IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPER PRONUNCIATION OF “GIF”**

WHEREAS gif is pronounced “GIF”;

AND WHEREAS Private Members’ Resolutions require at least two ‘whereas’ clauses to be valid<sup>1</sup>;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1** The 89th British Columbia Youth Parliament supports the proper pronunciation of “GIF”.
- 2** The Provincial Secretary communicate this position to
  - (a) Jiffy Lube,
  - (b) Jif peanut butter, and
  - (c) all gift shops.

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<sup>1</sup> The Clerks

**RESOLUTION (No. 4)**  
**IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SITE C DAM**

WHEREAS the objective of economic capital gain is to increase quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the current construction is illegally occurring on the constitutionally protected land of West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations<sup>2</sup>;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination used the Site C Dam as an example of an outdated approach to resource development without the prior informed consent of Indigenous peoples<sup>3</sup>;

AND WHEREAS the completion of the dam will lead to increased eutrophication of the river with increased levels of mercury due to soil erosion, damaging local environment<sup>4</sup>;

AND WHEREAS most of the energy harnessed by the dam would be funneled to Alberta<sup>5</sup>;

AND WHEREAS there are of more cost-efficient energy-sources than the \$9 billion hydroelectric dam<sup>6</sup>;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 89th British Columbia Youth Parliament opposes the continuation of the Site C Dam.
- 2 The Provincial Secretary communicate this position to
  - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
  - (b) the Minister of Agriculture of British Columbia, and
  - (c) the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources of British Columbia.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://treaty8.bc.ca/site-c/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/united-nations-panel-calls-for-halt-of-site-c-dam-project-in-bc/article36102238/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.timescolonist.com/news/b-c/site-c-hearings-dam-raises-concerns-about-mercury-contaminated-fish1.796515>

<sup>5</sup> <http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/justin-trudeau-open-to-1-billion-b-c-power-line-into-alberta>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/energy/stories/what-is-green-energy>

**RESOLUTION (NO. ∞ )**  
**IN SUPPORT OF PROPERLY STRUCTURED PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS whereas clauses must contain facts, not opinions;

AND WHEREAS whereas clauses must each contain one single idea, relevant to the Resolution as a whole;

AND WHEREAS whereas clauses should not be debatable, but rather provide background information;

AND WHEREAS statistics and other specific information should have a citation using a footnote.<sup>1</sup>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The \_\_\_th British Columbia Youth Parliament supports<sup>2</sup> properly structured Private Members' Resolutions.<sup>3</sup>
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
  - (a) the Chief Clerk of the \_\_\_th British Columbia Youth Parliament, and
  - (b) the Speaker of the \_\_\_th British Columbia Youth Parliament.<sup>4</sup>

*Notes about debating PMRs:*

- PMRs are read only **once**, and debated in their entirety at that time
- each Member may speak only **once** to the PMR, except for the mover, who speaks at the beginning and the end of debate
- debate the **resolution clause** (section 1), not the whereas clauses or communication clause (if the PMR is properly written, the whereas clauses should not strike anyone as particularly debatable)
- focus on **debating** the PMR, not amending it
- PMR debates have a **45 minute** time limit

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<sup>1</sup> Footnotes should be marked by a superscript, such as in this example.

<sup>2</sup> Or, if the PMR was being written in opposition to something, you would phrase the resolution clause as "The \_\_\_th British Columbia Youth Parliament opposes..." and the title would read "In Opposition to...".

<sup>3</sup> PMRs should be confined to a straightforward topic (possibly an overarching general principle about an issue) that can be summed up in a single resolution clause, written as a section without subdivisions (no paragraphs or subsections). Don't worry about the mechanics of how something would be implemented – PMRs express an opinion of Parliament, they aren't expected to include logistical details.

<sup>4</sup> This is an example of a properly written communication clause. Each paragraph of a communication clause must list a specific position at a specific organization/level of government. PMRs should not be communicated to a group (e.g. "the Government of Canada" – send to the Prime Minister of Canada instead, or a specific Minister relevant to the issue) or to someone who does not logically pertain to the subject matter of the resolution (e.g. communicating a PMR about fixing potholes in Prince George to the Queen). Individuals should be listed by title rather than name, and should only be listed by name if they have no relevant title that can be used. The list of individuals should be reasonable in length (bear in mind that the Provincial Secretary will be communicating any Resolutions which are passed to the individuals listed).

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