

NON-VIOLENT ACTION IDEAS

Traffic Info Sessions/Traffic Slow Downs

Instead of a Roadblock, hold a Traffic Info Sessions, giving out Timmies & Information

January 11th, Prince Albert demonstrators took to a busy intersection to wave signs and beat drums. The protesters walked across the streets with their signs but always obeyed traffic signals. It was a priority that no one impeded traffic or interfered with the roads in any way.

ARTICLE: <http://www.panow.com/node/284771>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/hNlbT2FY7DY>



January 16th, Alderville First Nation gave out coffee and information flyers to passengers and drivers. Drivers were only slowed down rather than stopped and happy to receive coffee.

ARTICLE:

<http://www.northumberlandtoday.com/2013/01/16/idle-no-more-blockade-in-alderville-offers-coffee-and-a-message>



February 5th, Manaia (Samoa) Residents did a Flash Mob Haka in the middle of Coromandel, stopping traffic for 2 minutes and drawing out a crowd of supportive onlookers. Not a blockade, but a one-light delay.

ARTICLE:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1302/S00086/flash-mob-haka-against-mining.htm>



VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/MR8NT99Dyb0>

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January 28th, groups of drummers and singers and belt out songs while indigenous and non-indigenous people participate in a round dance on Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

ARTICLE:

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2013/01/28/idle-no-more-day-action-sweeps-turtle-island-and-beyond-147302>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/xEo-XYBuT4Q>



February 10th, an all-ages group of demonstrators weaved through downtown Montreal, walking and dancing. Sporting familiar red feathers, hand drums and rattles, the protest—which included families of small children and both native and non-native supporters—was peaceful.

ARTICLE: <http://wp.me/p1Ap5J-13C>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/9bGINySzm0>



January 28th, demonstrators in Sydney, Australia gathered at a mall to perform a traditional weaving activity in silence. Spokespersons interacted with onlookers, holding signs and explaining the activity.

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/ei7w0E1pdDc>



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February 2nd Chief Beau Dick and his family embarked on a walk from Vancouver Island to the Legislature building of B.C. in Victoria; *Salmon Are Sacred* also joined them. Arriving February 10th in Victoria, they were joined by Idle No More demonstrators (traditional drummers and dancers included).

A Kwakwaka'wakw copper cutting ceremony then took place to shame the government.

ARTICLE:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/first-nations-chief-to-perform-rare-shaming-rite-on-legislature-lawn-1.70849>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/1jVQRleqRAI>

January 15th, a group of six youth with one guide embarked on a walk from Whapmagoostui, Qc to Ottawa, Ont and will arrive at Parliament Hill end of March/beginning of April.

This “Journey of Nishiyuu” will re-establish and re-unite historical Cree Nation allies, and restore traditional trade routes among the First Nations in hopes that this amplifies to all humanity to do the same.

ARTICLE:

<http://kolonialq.wordpress.com/2013/02/13/journey-of-nishiyuu/>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/hxxckeZ5Pig>



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January 11th more than 50 youth from Manitoba First Nations arrived in Winnipeg after walking the past four days, marching about 250 kilometres from their home reserve to the capital city, stopping only to sleep. A similar walk was repeated later in the month to again arrive in Winnipeg on **January 28th**.

ARTICLE:

<http://news.ca.msn.com/local/manitoba/first-nation-youth-walk-to-protest-environment-law-changes>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/-7uoCgYT75U>



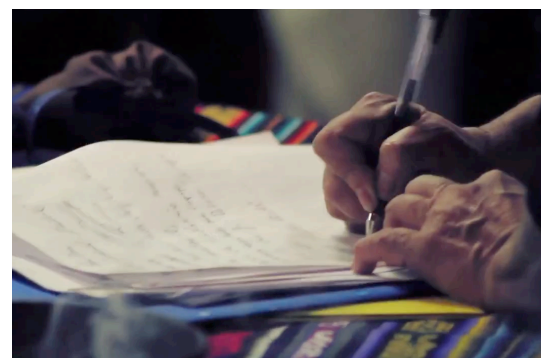
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January 25th 2013 a Grand Council Signing Ceremony that took place with assembled Elected Leadership, Treaty Council Members, Traditional Leaders, Societies, and their Allies signing the International Treaty to Protect the Sacred from Tar Sands Projects.

WEBSITE: <http://www.protectthesacred.org/>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/7ETzp2iWCGU>



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A union of sovereign Anishnaabek individuals assert inter-tribal treaties.

The Friendship Belt: Two nations joined together by the Path of Peace. One square represents the Anishinabek and the other square represents the Haudenasaunee. If one Nation is in need of assistance in times of war the other Nation will help and uphold this alliance.



The One Dish One Spoon Belt: This Treaty is between the Anishinabek and Haudensaunee Confederacies. It represents friendship and peace. Our Nations are to share the resources and respect each others territories and we will not war with each other for the dominion of the resources.



The 1764 Treaty of Fort Niagara: This agreement establishes alliance with the British Crown where the Canadian State is its current Representative. In this Agreement the Crown offered us the Great Lakes Covenant Chain Confederacy Belt,



and The Twenty Four Nations Belt.



We, as those Twenty Four Nations accepted and exchanged with the Crown the Two Row Wampum Belt. Our Nations and the Crown accepted a nation-to-nation relationship rooted in a policy of peace and non-interference.



ARTICLE: <http://oshkimaadziig.org/history/>

VIDEO: http://youtu.be/JSfatP4tu_U

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March 30, 2011 the Tseshaht and Maa-nulth Nations signed a historic accord. The Maa-nulth Treaty removes the five Maa-nulth First Nations from the Indian Act to become self-governing communities with the social and economic tools to better support their families and communities.

ARTICLE:

http://www.maanulth.ca/downloads/port_alberni_maa-nulth_celebrate_first_multi-nation_self-government_treaty_on_the_island.pdf

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/K-LY98v5lQQ>



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Oshkimaadziig Unity Camp:

An Anishinabek Council Fire, woven into the Anishinabek-Haudenosaunee Friendship Wampum Belt, located at Council Rock in Penetanguishene, “Land of the Rolling Sands” where Awenda Provincial Park now illegally occupies, has been Relit and Repossessed by the Oshkimaadziig.

WEBSITE:

<http://oshkimaadziig.org/oshkimaadziig-unity-camp/>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/2RCeVBRxTfQ>



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Unis'tot'en Camp:

The Unist'ot'en Camp is a resistance community (C'ihlts'ehkhyu / Big Frog Clan) whose purpose is to protect sovereign Wet'suwet'en territory from several proposed pipelines from the Tar Sands Gigaproject and shale gas from Hydraulic Fracturing Projects in the Peace River Region.

ARTICLE: <http://forestaction.wikidot.com/caravan>

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/0eTpsP7dTUM>



ADDITIONAL

Treaty Money Campaign

Some people get \$5 Bills from the Bank and write "Treaty" on them.

Note: Defacing currency is a federal offence. The point is to get those bills back into circulation when one pays for things. It is to raise awareness of the fact that Treaties are breached.



Nationhood on Status Cards

Write your Nation on your Status Cards in Waterproof Marker

The Canadian Government does not legally recognize Indigenous Nations. Consider writing your nation loud and proud on your status card.

ARTICLE:

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/article/anishinaabe-men-blocked-from-renouncing-status-under-apartheid-indian-act-138231>



Indian Act Breach (MB, SK, AB)

Consider organizing a purposeful & public breach of the Indian Act.

INDIAN ACT EXERPT

Sale or barter of produce

- **32.** (1) A transaction of any kind whereby a band or a member thereof purports to sell, barter, exchange, give or otherwise dispose of cattle or other animals, grain or hay, whether wild or cultivated, or root crops or plants or their products from a reserve in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, to a person other than a member of that band, is void unless the superintendent approves the transaction in writing.

- **Marginal note:Exemption**

(2) The Minister may at any time by order exempt a band and the members thereof or any member thereof from the operation of this section, and may revoke any such order.

- R.S., c. I-6, s. 32.

Offence

33. Every person who enters into a transaction that is void under subsection 32(1) is guilty of an offence.

Notify media and police about an upcoming breach of the Indian Act and organize a public giveaway and trade of the items forbidden – and sell or trade them to non-band members including Euro-Canadians.

Burning of the Indian Act

This is not a new idea – but it can be used as a rejection of being registered under the name “Indians” with the purpose of offering further opportunity for discussions around nationhood.

VIDEO: <http://youtu.be/0Ggbmnjgo8c>



Boycotts

For communities that are small to mid sized, consider organizing a sustained boycott on spending

This would be especially effective in mid-sized and small towns who may be dependent upon money that comes from surrounding First Nation and Metis communities. That money in a lot of cases is what sustains those communities.

Consider approaching businesses before hand to offer them an exemption from the boycott if they do not support the Harper Government. For example, businesses who are supportive of the movement could opt to hang a poster in their window. Shoppers would then know that particular business is exempt from the boycott. It may increase business for those places that are supportive and alleviate any resentment or tensions the town may form.

List & or/ Declaration of non-compliance

Publish publicly a list of all First Nations who have made a public declaration that they will not comply with the legislation contained in Bills C-38 & 45 – or any coming Bills that they have not been consulted on. Encourage individual First Nations to make a declaration of non-compliance.

Massive Intertribal

We've had round dances, we've had Grand Entries – maybe we could have a massive intertribal? An Elder had a dream of a large round dance all the way around the parliament buildings in a large circle – he said all “tribes” were represented...warmer weather?

Communications on the movement within non-urban communities with possible connectivity issues

Organize a person or couple people to physically drive information packages house to house.

Information could include:

- DVD copies of documentaries
- Pamphlets on why Idle No More exists & why it is important
- Photographs printed showing some of the actions people have done throughout the country and the world
- A breakdown on the Government legislation that has been pushed through or what they are planning to push through into law
- A copy of the Treaty from the area and if possible include transcripts from Treaty negotiations or supporting documents
- Anything translated into the language for Elders is good
- Somewhere in the package provide a contact person's name and phone number so people who get the information can call for more information.

Mapping

Already being done in many places but we can all support it by finding out what the original place names are in the places we live and then speaking and teaching them to others.

Also consider going with a map of a local area and visiting with Elders and asking them the names of places and recording those and any stories they may share about the traditional use of those places.

Reclaiming Original Names for Person & Families

If your family name was recorded on paper from the Indigenous name into an English or French name during Treaty or at any other time, and that name is still known within your family history, consider going on line in your province, downloading the papers, and changing your name legally back to the original name.

Reclaiming Original Names of Places

Make temporary signs to place in urban areas with original names. Or get letters from the hardware store and stick reflective lettering in the same style as the road signs and add original place names.

Another option in rural areas is most provinces offer a way for a sign to be legally purchased and placed on the highway in front of a lane or driveway. These signs are leased for \$50 a year. Anyone could purchase a sign with an original name to be placed by the road and pay the lease per year and it would be legal.

Your Kids School

Speak to the principal or vice-principal of your child's school and offer to organize a special assembly to address racism.

Journalism Programs in Universities

Speak to the University and offer to organize an information session on Idle No More and an analysis of media and where you think the media got the story wrong for students in the Journalism Program.

Media Relationships

If you have people in your community that would be excellent spokespeople or who have stories you feel are worth sharing, approach local journalists and offer to do some communications coordination for them by giving them your contact information and telling them you can arrange for them to get interviews.

International Guests

Are there international guests or celebrities who could be invited who would act as observers and shame the Harper Government?

IDEAS FOR SUPPORTERS

There are many non-Indigenous supporters. We need supporters to be more aggressive in their support and their opposition to Harper publicly.

They can:

- Request a meeting with their own MP's
- In smaller towns think about hosting a boycott with a FN's and explain to business leaders the reasons why and offer them the exemption
- Join with FN's to hand out info or coffee to drivers at traffic info sessions
- Have their own town hall for fence sitters & their neighbors - on-line stream it – tell them to look for the natural and youthful leaders they have who talk about the environment to come and speak in their organizations.
- Start blogging heavily in support and deconstructing myths
- Join all the news media and fight the racism for us - its too hard and hurtful for us to do so we are ignoring it - but we need an army of on-line people who will do our fighting for



#IdleNoMore
@tendayjourney

i am extremely grateful to my non-native friends who are taking #idlenomore very seriously and showing support. #RESPECT!

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us. State right up front to people "I'm White/Indo-Canadian/Jewish-Canadian/Jamaican/ etc... and I support Idle No More because"...and list their reasons

- Flood the PM phone with messages
- Write songs, do art, call your local media & offer to be a go between to frame a story for them
- Flood the news media with letters

We have to get them to dream with us.

Sheelah McLean

SENATE READING OF BILL C-27 TODAY (Financial Transparency and Accountability Act) This bill undermines Treaty, the Treaty relationship and Indigenous sovereignty.

*This bill imposes standards on First Nations governments that far exceed those for municipal, provincial and federal officials in other jurisdictions.

*It requires First Nation owned businesses (unlike non Aboriginal businesses) to publicly report income and expenses, thus undermining competitiveness.

*It adds additional bureaucracy to the existing requirement that each First Nation provide Ottawa over 150 financial reports each year, contrary to the recommendations of Canada's Auditor General and the Treasury Board.

*These changes are based on a common, racist assumption that First Nations' officials are all corrupt - an assumption that is factually and statistically incorrect.

PLEASE TWEET AND EMAIL SENATORS TO STOP THIS BILL.