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## Opposition to the Significant Projects Streamlining Act - Bill-75

**Date of Adoption:** January 23, 2004

**Date of Expiration:** January 23, 2007

**Preamble:** Whereas BC Bill 75, the Significant Projects Streamlining Act, allows the provincial government to bypass local zoning without local government debate and without making a motion to the provincial cabinet; *and*

Whereas Bill 75's lack of specification as to what would be potentially designated a "Significant Project" would allow the province to make any project a significant project without consultation with local municipalities that would be effected; *and*

Whereas Bill 75's lack of clarity on what represents an "Approval Authority" could allow the legitimate concerns of arms-length bodies (such as the Labour Relations Board, or the provincial Land and Water BC) to be quashed or overturned; *and*

Whereas municipal and provincial governments should work together to create the best province from the local and provincial perspective; *and*

Whereas local and provincial concerns can only be dealt with through open debate, and this legislation will stifle discussion and examination of the true impacts of development; *and*

Whereas municipalities should have primary control over local development, and Bill 75 is designed to run roughshod over local interests, zoning controls, Official Community Plans and environmental protections.

**Resolution:** Therefore be it resolved that the Kwantlen University College Student Association oppose the Significant Projects Streamlining Act, and support external groups that hold a similar opinion such as; the UBCM (Union of British Columbian Municipalities), and the GVRD (Greater Vancouver Regional District) in their opposition to the legislation.

