



## INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY AT SCAN!

### MANDATE FOR SCAN! INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY STANDING COMMITTEE

#### Preamble

This mandate recognizes the central role of Indigenous peoples in Canada in the implementation of SCAN!'s core purpose to organize seniors to address the climate emergency, including:

- Indigenous ways of knowing have much to teach us about caring for the land, air and water, and about the responsibility of the older generation to work toward a livable planet for younger and future generations.
- The struggle for justice for Indigenous peoples – the full implementation of UNDRIP, including Indigenous rights and full sovereignty over traditional territories - is connected to the decarbonization of Canada's economy and the transition to an economy of sustainability, stewardship and justice for both Indigenous peoples and settlers.
- Indigenous peoples' traditional territories are strategically located at the heart of fossil fuel extraction and transportation to markets. Indigenous communities are also susceptible to environmental pollution and degradation as a result of the carbon consumption of urban and rural settler and corporate consumption.

The Standing Committee on Indigenous Solidarity will engage with Indigenous communities to develop respectful relationships and to act, to the extent possible, as a vital guide for SCAN!'s Indigenous education and solidarity activities

- Develop a SCAN! Statement on Indigenous rights and solidarity
- Develop opportunities for SCAN! members and our seniors target constituency to learn about Indigenous ways of knowing and Indigenous rights
- Identify ongoing Indigenous issues and actions related to SCAN!'s core purpose and work
- Organize SCAN! Indigenous solidarity activities, including mobilizing support among seniors
- Make recommendations regarding the intersection of Indigenous rights and issues with SCAN! campaigns and actions.