

Stop Line 9 Toronto: Student Action Guide

Stop Line 9 Toronto is dedicated to preventing the transport of Diluted Bitumen (DilBit) through Toronto by pipeline or by rail.

Below is some background information. The sources for this information are either media coverage or documents which are reproduced on our website (www.stopline9-toronto.ca).

- Adding safety conditions won't prevent a spill, only reduce the risk;
- The consequences of a DilBit spill are so dangerous that no risk is acceptable (see Fukushima);
- The DilBit is being shipped from Alberta to the east coast for export around the world for profit — it is not for domestic consumption;
- Both the Provincial and Federal governments, and all 3 major political parties support the oil industry's destruction of the planet in exchange for money;
- Toronto City Council is the most democratic forum that is available to stop Line 9 — directly elected Councillors vote on all issues affecting the city;
- Individual Councillors can be influenced by public action in their Ward;
- Only 66% of Council is required to pass a motion banning DilBit from the city.

You can help even if you can't vote yet; Councillors are very sensitive to *future* voters. If you can vote in the Ward in which you live, you have the most power to influence city Councillors on this issue. But if you are not old enough to vote or your school is not in the Ward in which you live, there are other options available:

- 1) Environmental Club members can work with the teachers and students to display Line 9 information created by the students, and information available from the website <www.stopline9-toronto.ca/line9toolkit.php>;
- 2) Encourage students to create and display their artwork, letters, theatrical skits at parent-teacher night and other school assemblies;
- 3) Publish information about the issue in the school newspaper;
- 4) Invite outside speakers to raise awareness at assemblies;
- 5) Invite the School Trustee to help organize a community meeting at the school to discuss concerns;
- 6) Arrange a field trip to Line 9 or the CPR rail line through the city.

All with the goal of encouraging parents, teachers, and students to write letters of concern to their local City Councillor and to the media; to meet with their local City Councillor to express their concerns; and to ask that Councillors pass a motion banning Dilbit from our city. There are connections to many other resources at: <http://www.stopline9-toronto.ca/line9resources.php>



If the City can ban Chickens, it can certainly ban DilBit.



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