



A Frog-Leap Manifesto



To the Humans:

Canada's history includes a shocking era of wholesale slaughter of Beavers. Repression of First Nations followed quickly as did draining of frog habitat for farming. Deepening poverty and inequality are a scar on the country's present. And Canada's record on climate change is a crime against our world's future.

These facts are all the more jarring because they depart so dramatically from Canada's stated values: respect for Indigenous rights, human rights, diversity and **environmental stewardship**.

So we need to

Leap



This leap must begin by respecting the inherent rights and title of the original caretakers of this land: **Beavers and First Nations people** have always been at the forefront of protecting rivers, forests and lands from drought, floods and even out-of-control industrial activity.

As we have agreed to share the land "for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow," we frogs want only development that will not encroach more on our ecosystems or poison the land.

The new iron law of human development must be: **if you wouldn't want it in your pond then it doesn't belong in anyone's pond.**

Caring for one another and caring for the planet should become the primary work of humans.

And so we call on all humans to seize this opportunity and embrace the urgent need for transformation. This is a sacred duty towards those this country harmed in the past, to those suffering needlessly in the present, and **to all critters who have a right to a bright and safe future.**

Now is the time for boldness,

now is the time to leap!

