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## KSA SUPPORTS BLUE DOT MOVEMENT

An open letter of support to Blue Dot Supporters and the Blue Dot Movement,

The Kwantlen Student Association (KSA) has endorsed the Blue Dot Movement recognizing a healthy environment as a human right in Canada. KSA Council recognizes the importance of including protections for the environment in municipal declarations, provincial legislation, and ultimately the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The grassroots Blue Dot Movement encourages the provincial and federal governments, by organizing individuals, community groups, and municipalities to establish these protections.

We congratulate the City of Surrey and City of Richmond, as well as the more than 100 other Canadian municipalities who have supported the Blue Dot Movement. **“We must recognize these forward thinking municipalities and individuals,”** says Alex McGowan, VP External with the KSA. **“As a policy studies student, I recognize the benefits of this project, and I am excited that the KSA has made this commitment. Every municipality and government in Canada should take steps to create local policies, push for provincial and federal legislation protecting the environment, and the enshrining of a healthy environment in the Charter.”**

The KSA applauds the work of countless volunteers and individuals across Canada are raising awareness and encouraging communities and their neighbours to get involved and lobby for change by working with the David Suzuki Foundation and the Blue Dot Movement. In our own community, the Richmond and Surrey Blue Dot groups have been instrumental in holding events, attending parades, creating art projects, and succeeding in having the declaration passed in their communities.

The KSA encourages the remaining municipalities South of the Fraser and other Canadian municipalities to pass declarations recognizing the right to a healthy environment for all Canadians. By endorsing the Blue Dot Movement, KSA Council will continue to advocate for the inclusion of a healthy environment in legislation and in our communities.

The Kwantlen Student Association represents more than 17,500 students enrolled at Kwantlen Polytechnic University’s four campuses south of the Fraser River in Metro Vancouver. The KSA actively seeks to enhance campus life, delivers student services, supports on-campus activities, and provides support for our student members.

Sincerely,

The Kwantlen Student Association

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