

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD:

A global pandemic is here. A round virus is on a roll. It has glycoprotein ammunition. it is mutating with the intelligence of a survivor and its aim is death by respiratory failure. We need oxygen. Countries are running out of it. We need anti-viral medicines, today, at this moment. And more tomorrow.

The ancient forest system of Fairy Creek and all others like it will supply both oxygen and medicine, if given a chance. These giants of the universe with their unique DNA represent a living library of medicine for the citizens of the world. They hold taxines for the treatment of breast cancers, taxodiones for prostate cancer, salicylates for pain relief, thujone for cardiac regulation, prostaglandins for arterial health. The crisper action of the multitude of bacteriophages in the soil connected with these forests is just being put on trial by science.

Where Indigenous peoples have a say over the exploitation of their territories, I encourage them to look to sustainability for their childrens' children and leave their green treasures standing. The alpha- and beta-pinene from these trees alone is a fortune waiting to be collected by their little ones. In addition, the global protection from cancers to the citizens of the world is without a monetary value for us all.

Canada has suffered from short sight since colonial times. It is time this nation put on a pair of glasses to see the trees and the forests. These green machines work for the entire web of life on this planet.

So, I join Elder Bill Jones, who wants to save his forest, and I want to speak for the forest. My message also comes from the elders of the Celtic Civilization. I hold a sacred trust in this. Please listen.

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