April 16, 2012
May 9th Coalition: K-W Organizing Minutes
University of Waterloo, WPIRG office
Attendees: William Saunders, Kalin Stacey, Tammy Kovich, Paisley Cozzarin

-Will be receiving funding for organized busses to go from different cities to the protest, funding coming from Greenpeace
-Primary purpose of the rally itself is to support the Yinka Dene alliance, a coalition of Indigenous groups from BC
-Yinka Dene alliance is coming in by train - will have a press conference and then actually go into the AGM - dealing with what happens inside - all the rallying stuff, we take leadership from them - NGOs and grassroots groups will **not** have banners, focus is on YDA
-Goal is to strengthen resistance to Line 9 and the concept of tar sands on the market in Ontario
-Goal is to broaden environmental justice networks
-Two part call out: first part is from the Yinka Dene alliance, to support them in the form of a rally, second part is about a networking strategizing meeting from different groups in Toronto
-Idea is that hopefully different cities can coordinate actions and campaigns and think about challenging Line 9 and tar sands in Ontario
-Would support the growth of local groups
-Not a strong environmental justice movement in Ontario and Canada
-regions to work together during upcoming year

Groups in KW that might be interested: -CAP (Climate Action Project of WPIRG) is no longer active
-Council of Canadians?
-Local organizers: Louisette, Transition KW

In regards to the strategy meeting in T.O:
-Rising Tide - environmental justice oriented organization - May 9 as a springboard to start conversation about having Canadian network/chapters
-overlap between indigenous solidarity and environmental justice is very big
-come with action ideas and campaign ideas
-possibly organize a speaking tour + bike tour across Ontario - visiting communities where pipeline is passing
-possibly a delegation to Aamnijwnang first nation - which is in chemical valley, Sarnia - petrochemical capital - lots of factories - tar sands oil goes to Sarnia for refinement

Stuff relevant to the community locally:
-can question U of W’s involvement with the tar sands
-Locally, could discuss corrosive oil crossing the grand river - water supply
-emphasizing that the pipelines are there
-go visit the pipelines - crosses in the town of Ayr - between cambridge and brantford
-if U of W is involved - research
-we train engineers to go out and work there for co-op - student planner has an advertisement for Suncor
-grant that focused on corporatization of campuses - ethical co-op jobs