

A false majority affects us all

“When I consider the outcome of the last territorial and federal elections, where 30% of the vote won 100% of the power, it explains many problems we have in our territory today. We should also consider that many Yukon people didn’t or couldn’t vote in the last elections, that makes the resulting numbers even more disturbing.

With so few people with so much power, the decision making that is going on, is not reflective of the will of the majority of the people. Some of problems caused by this inequity are the line up to the courts, another issue is special interest groups, such as oil and gas, funding the false majority so their business interests are protected through de-regulation. The real majority, who can’t afford lawyers, are forced to march in the streets, or stay home and self-medicate, or camp on rivers, or lie down in front of the bulldozers to have their rights recognized.

In a real and fair democracy, it shouldn’t matter if your last name is Nielsen, Griffiths, Borisenko, Steele, Lang or Jamieson. We should all be equal when it comes to voting. Every vote needs to count, so we are all represented and we can all work together to create a better future for generations to come. I’m not suggesting that a better voting system would solve all our problems, but it would be a good start.”

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