



## Abortion and a Woman's Right to Choose

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**Preamble:** Whereas, according to the *Allan Guttmacher Institute* (<http://www.agi-usa.org/>), more than 13,000 women have abortions every year because they were raped or were victims of incest; and

Whereas, according to the *Allan Guttmacher Institute* (<http://www.agi-usa.org/>), more than twenty (20) million abortions are obtained illegally worldwide every year; and

Whereas abortion is often chosen due to a woman's own personal health concerns regarding pregnancy-related risks, concerns regarding the health of the fetus, and other concerns regarding a woman's own physical or mental well being; and

Whereas abortion is often chosen due to socio-economic barriers, including but not limited to: the financial burden of raising children; a lack of support from a woman's partner and/or family; unemployment and the disruption of a woman's education, at the secondary or postsecondary levels; and

Whereas user fees, tribunals and other barriers to the accessibility of abortion violates a woman's rights as laid out in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and subsequently reaffirmed in *R v. Morgentaler*; and

Whereas every woman should have access to quality health care, family planning, and counseling services that meets her needs, and allows her to make informed decisions about her own body; and

Whereas every woman deserves the right of choosing whether or not to have a child; and  
Whereas every child has the right to be wanted;

**Resolution:** Therefore be it resolved that the Kwantlen Association supports a woman's right to decide what choice is best for her in regards to pregnancy and childbearing; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Kwantlen Student Association supports the availability of safe abortion services to all women, regardless of geographic location or socio-economic status