



### **Statement by the Wet'suwet'en Chiefs**

January 30, 2020

Wet'suwet'en Territory

"The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs have agreed to enter a discussion with the Province of British Columbia, for a period of seven days, in an effort to de-escalate the ongoing conflict surrounding the Coastal Gas Link project.

The discussion table will be known as 'Wiggus', the Wet'suwet'en word for respect. In the landmark Supreme Court Decision of Delgamuukw Gisday'wa Wiggus it was defined as "respect for all living-beings, starting with oneself".

The Hereditary Chiefs maintain their commitment to peace and will pursue all avenues available to achieve a peaceful resolution.

The Hereditary Chiefs reiterate their mission: "We are proud, progressive Wet'suwet'en dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of our culture, traditions and territories; working as one for the betterment of all".

Agreed to by the Hereditary Chiefs present:

Chief Madeek  
Chief Gisday'wa  
Chief Woos  
Chief Hagwilnegh  
Chief Tsa'ghots  
Chief Na'Moks  
Chief Lay'oh  
Chief Kloum Khun

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