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Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs Support Widzin Kwe

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Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, in support of Diní'ze' Woos and Cas Yikh, are seeking to protect clean rivers and water ways, clear air and yintah for today and for generations to come. We are outraged by yesterdays immense RCMP resources allocated to remove the water protectors on Cas Yikh yintah. At a time of natural disasters and displacement of many in the ancestral homelands south of us, RCMP choose to enforce a 'rescue' mission of the CGL camp workers whom have shared that we were not aware of the eviction notice. Otherwise, they would have left the camp.

We have expressed our concerns about the Coastal GasLink consultation process. The Dinize and Tsako'ze have repeatedly highlights environmental infractions to the permits issues with little or no penalties or corrections made. We have not nor will ever support the CGL pipeline.

RCMP should be assisting flood victims and communities, not out invading our Territory and arresting our peaceful people and supporters. The removal of our People off the yintah is a reminder of our not too distance past, of taking our children away from our homes and families to various residential schools in BC and Alberta. The RCMP have a long history with our People, burning down our winter homes, land displacement, enforcing removal of children the last few generations to this day, and to deal with the 'indian problem' to get us out of the way of 'progress'. Human rights violations continue in the name of economic prosperity for a select few.

We were in the process of arranging meetings with BC Minister Rankin and ISC Minister Miller, meanwhile the RCMP forces were being deployed against our People.

Last year we came together to sign an MOU with both levels of government, which is a separate and non-transactional agreement. Minister Farnsworth recently referred to the water protectors as criminal Acts and associated the Wet'suwet'en MOU.

In solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement, the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, and the LGBTQI+ communities, we declare that RCMP are not welcome on our territories.

Sincerely,

Dinize and Tsako'ze

Signed virtually by Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs

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