



Wet'suwet'en Dini'ze and Tsakë'ze Response to the Confederate
Flag FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gitdumt'en Yintah, Wet'suwet'en/Smithers, BC October 3, 2020 –

The Wet'suwet'en Dini'ze, Tsakë'ze and Skiy'ze are disappointed to see a confederate flag hung up on Smithers main street. The flag appeared Saturday morning as community members started their day.

“I find no reason to believe that the residents of Smithers would support such an idiotic act, we are building a better relationship for the sake of our children. Collectively, as a community, we condemn this cowardly act”, Dini'ze Woos, Frank Alec.

The confederate flag is widely known as a symbol of white supremacy, the oppression of people of color, and as a symbol of hate. These kinds of racist acts are not acceptable and add further harm to our families' wellbeing, especially the wellbeing of our children. We urgently ask for the public assistance to help identify who placed the flag and they be held accountable for their actions.

The Dini'ze, Tsakë'ze and Skiy'ze have been working with many local agencies on anti-racism, cultural safety and humility, cohosting workshops on community building over many decades. We seek a good relationship between the Wet'suwet'en, the many first nations, and Settlers that live in the Yintah. Especially now in these challenging pandemic times with so much hardship felt in our communities, there is still a commitment to collectively find ways to implement UNDRIP, BC DRIPA and the TRC Calls to Action and the Calls for Justice in Reclaiming Power and Place, MMIWG.

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