



## **NO MANDATE FROM THE WET'SUWET'EN HEREDITARY CHIEFS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PACIFIC TRAILS PIPELINE (PTP)!**

In light of valid concerns and questions in regards to the recent Wet'suwet'en Voice newsletter and the motions which speak to agreements signed with PTP (Pacific Trails {gas} Pipeline), we would like to reaffirm the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs position on this project and provide some clarity on what the signed ***Confidentiality*** and ***Communication and Engagements Agreements*** mean.

Clan meetings are being planned to present the PTP Communications and Engagement Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreement.

The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs have never supported the PTP project. These recent Agreements do not change this position. In fact there are clauses in the agreements that directly speak to this issue.

Out of 17 First Nations the Moricetown Band Administration and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW) are the only First Nations that have **NOT** signed Benefit Agreements with the company or the government.

We fully realize that more communication, information and input needs to occur with the membership about PTP and the governments decision to issue an Environmental Certificate to PTP. The ***Communications and Engagement Agreement*** allows the Wet'suwet'en Clans and Houses to discuss outstanding issues regarding the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) Certificate that PTP received in 2008, this is not a negative thing. Wet'suwet'en Clans and House members are still able to reaffirm and make their own decisions.

The ***Confidentiality Agreement*** does not restrict the OW from providing information to Wet'suwet'en Clan and House membership. The Agreement provides OW access to raw data/ information PTP considers propriety property. This information was used to create the PTP project application and the same information presented to address over 500 conditions attached to the PTP Environmental Certificate. OW needs to assess the rigor and adequacy of the information PTP has gathered, as the current regulatory process is very weak in this area. To date we have not heard who, if anyone, from the government is going to assess and sign off on the 500 plus conditions.

OW remains open and transparent to its membership as to where we are with all proposed resource development projects.

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Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs