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Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs

### **Wet'suwet'en Chiefs Express Concerns over Safety on the Yintah**

Since time immemorial, our Clans, Tsayu, Gitdumten, Laksilyu, Laksamshu and Gilseyhu and our house members have come together to plan, to make decisions across our yintah and take care of each other. This indigenous way of decision making is based upon our Kungax, our oral history and anuk niwh' it 'ën, our sacred laws and is witnessed in our Balhats, potlatch.

We have been informed of recent vandalism on the yintah regarding Coastal Gas Link equipment and the safety concerns of security personnel.

At this time, we do not have enough information to make any comments regarding the situation.

We have a trapping program on the yintah and members living on the yintah in this area, we continue to express our concern for their safety and wellbeing too. Dinize were on the territory in that same area just a few days ago and had not witnessed anything unusual or irregular.

Our Elders, Dinize and Tsakë'ze continue to state that we do not support violence, and see conflicts escalating across the yintah and throughout turtle island. We ask you to keep your ceremonies, songs, drumming continuing as the matter is being investigated, seeking the safety of All.

#### ***Signed virtually by Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs***

Chief Hagwilnegh – Ron Mitchell – Laksilyu  
Chief Knedebeas – Warner William – Gilseyhu  
Chief Woos – Frank Alec - Gitdumden  
Chief Madeek – Jeff Brown – Gitdumden  
Chief Gisday'wa – Fred Tom - Gitdumden  
Chief Kloum Khun – Alphonse Gagnon – Laksamshu  
Chief Smogelgem – Warner Naziel - Laksamshu  
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