



WET'SUWET'EN VOICE



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Chief Woos—Roy Morris

March 30, 1936—March 11, 2011

On Friday, March 11, 2011 the Wet'suwet'en felt the sudden loss of Chief Woos, Roy Morris. Woos was the hereditary chief for Casyex House in the Gitdumden Clan.

Woos was involved with many business organizations within Smithers and was always invited to welcome visitors to Casyex territory. When staff were challenged, Woos was one of the Chiefs that really stepped up to support and give words of encouragement and strength.

Woos believed in the Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the work that was undertaken. He knew that we could not do it all but he reminded us we had lots of work ahead of us. He really encouraged us to take the gifts of our ancestors passed down to us through our work, like the information of the lands, our philosophy of life and in recent history the Delgamuukw-Gisday'wa and Nikal Fisheries Court Case.

Woos' words and actions toward the unification of our nation must be kept close to us as we move forward. His legacy for our nation must never be forgotten, all of his words and encouragement must be embedded in the work we will continue to do for our nation.

Woos lived up to his potential as a true

Wet'suwet'en leader. Despite his passing, he will remain a special person in the memories of all Wet'suwet'en. He was very knowledgeable and was very eager to teach others about what he knew due to his passion for his culture. He breathed and practiced his cultural activities daily and taught his children and many relatives those traditions. Woos had a big heart and was the very essence of humility, strength, love and laughter.

God bless you Woos for your good heart, for who you are and what you have become over the years. You have done an excellent job as our traditional leader, as a father, a grandfather, a spokesperson and you have now earned your rest. May we all learn to walk in your footsteps.



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- WALKING WITH GRANDPA -

I like to walk with Grandpa, His steps are short like mine.
He doesn't say "Now hurry up". He always takes his time.
I like to walk with Grandpa, His eyes see things like mind do;
wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud, half hidden drops of dew
Most people have to hurry, they do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made Grandpa;
unrushed and young like me.

Love always, your baby Mih' Gaylene, Colin & Riley



CAS

GRIZZLY

Last visit to the



Last summer a team of OW Wet'suwet'en employees, a Cultural Heritage Inventory contractor and BC parks rangers spent more than a week identifying signs of Wet'suwet'en occupation and use of the territory. Woos (Roy Morris) was intended to participate but had to cancel at the last minute because he had to provide support to a family member. Kenny Rabnett, the lead for this project, recommended organizing a meeting with Woos to get a better interpretation of the information recorded in the field. The meeting took place in Moricetown in September 2010. It was followed by a field visit with Woos on Gitdumden territory in the Grizzly house (Cas Yex) at Wedzin Bin (Morice Lake), on September 17th.

On top (left): Grizzly bear tracks in the territory. **On the left:** Grizzly trail used years after years in the vicinity of Wedzin Bin (Morice Lake) in Cas Yex (Grizzly house) territory. **Below:** Meeting with Woos, Rod Nickol and Ken Rabnett at Moricetown, September 2010 after field work in Woos territory.



YEX

H O U S E

t e r r i t o r y



The purpose of the visit was to review with Woos the information previously collected during the Summer. Woos walked along old grizzly bear tracks that had been used shortly before our visit. We believe it was Woos' last visit to his territory.

Clockwise from the left: Woos resting on driftwood, Woos and grizzly tracks, Wedzin Bin looking south, Ron Austin (Fisheries department) with Woos at the Wet'suwet'en winter village site.



Information clarification for Wet'suwet'en Nation REGARDING PROPOSED NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINE

Submitted by Mike Ridsdale, E.A. Coordinator

In efforts to ensure the Wet'suwet'en Nation is receiving factual information, we are releasing this notice.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW) on behalf of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs have re-affirmed their declaration of **"No Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline on Wet'suwet'en Territory"** despite what people may say, we are standing firm.

Background and summary of project status

The Gateway Project consists of two parallel pipelines of approximately 1150 km in length to be built between a terminal near Edmonton, Alberta and a marine terminal near Kitimaat, B.C. One pipeline would carry imported condensate from Kitimaat to Edmonton for use in the production of bitumen from oil sands projects in northern Alberta. The other pipeline would carry oil sands product to the Kitimaat marine terminal for transportation by tankers to overseas markets. The project, for environmental assessment purposes, incorporates the pipelines, terminal facility at Kitimaat, and a separate Termpol review for marine transport of both the imported and exported products.

The OW's primary concern with the Gateway Project is that it proposes to construct both pipelines on a right of way through 175 kms of Wet'suwet'en territory, which is a highly sensitive ecosystem that contains important fisheries of central importance to the Wet'suwet'en.

This proposed project not only threatens the way of life and culture of the Wet'suwet'en, oil sands activities are currently creating health problems for First Nations in northern Alberta.

Consequently, the Gateway Project has triggered the requirement to prepare a Federal Environmental Assessment ("EA") pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA"). The NEB (National Energy Board), DFO (Department of Fisheries & Ocean), Transport Canada (TC) and INAC are known as "responsible authorities" under CEAA. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the "Agency") is tasked with, among other things, assisting in the conduct of EAs and cooperation between responsible authorities.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en has a consultation process, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) has had discussions towards a broad spectrum of proposed activities and general considerations of aboriginal interests within potentially affected areas of the Wet'suwet'en. Wet'suwet'en Nation's response from these discussions will guide the level and scope of subsequent consultation processes.

We are gravely concerned about the status of our territories since there is industry trying to impose their mandate and projects over our rights and title. As First Nations who have had our aboriginal rights infringed upon time after time, we must ensure that it is incumbent upon the Government to continue to work with us to create projects that are environmentally sound and not step on our rights as First Nations.

See Clarification on p. 3

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Coastal FN Great Bear Initiative—March 2010 Press Conference—Vancouver
Brought together FN, businesses, environmental NGOs and organizations whose interests are threatened by the Enbridge Gateway Project

Clarification from p. 2

Recently, the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, undertook an All Clans Meetings and requested the membership involve themselves into creating a stance for the Wet'suwet'en on these types of projects; our good work will be threatened by the proposed Enbridge Pipeline on Wet'suwet'en territory.

Another key related issue is; we have no agreement with Industry concerning the Environmental Assessment process on a communications protocol. There has been inadequate consultation and recognition regarding the Joint Review Panel (JRP) process towards the project for all First Nations; we are not alone in seeking proceedings that hears our concerns.

The JRP has developed and received input on a list of issues to be addressed in the EA; recently, they requested the proponent to provide more information; in particular, require the proponent to provide information on communications with Aboriginal peoples; conduct spill assessment reports; consider and take into account input it receives; and a host of other requirements in the Panel Session Results and Decision document submitted to NEB and the Proponent. This can be viewed on-line at <http://gatewaypanel.review-examen.gc.ca/clf-nsi/hm-eng.html>.

Limited funding to support Aboriginal participation in the EA process is being provided through a Funding Review Committee of which we are a part of. We request that Wet'suwet'en members voice themselves and become interveners during the request for Intervenor status for the JRP hearings, involve yourselves into the process and become part of history as we work together to stop this project.

This would help to alleviate our frustration as the JRP process slowly unfolds. Our participation in the JRP could also contribute to a properly managed environment and enforce our governance laws since we have a large stake in seeing Wet'suwet'en territory stay within the mandate set out by our Hereditary Chiefs.

To reiterate our request to stop further misinformation, the Office of the Wet'suwet'en asks the membership to talk to our staff, or visit our website www.wetsuweten.com to stay informed as to where we are with these large proposed projects.

We look forward to the opportunity to further discuss this position of the Wet'suwet'en.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en on behalf of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs



UNITY IN PROTOCOLS

Office of the Wet'suwet'en & Town of Smithers sign Protocol Agreement

"We believe in mutual respect. We treat one another in the way we, ourselves, want to be treated. Each one of us is provided the opportunity to speak and contribute in our own way towards the activities in this Protocol Agreement"

The Town of Smithers Mayor and council recently met with the Hereditary Chiefs where they signed a Protocol Agreement with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. The Office of the Wet'suwet'en and the Town of Smithers acknowledge that the people who we represent have a long history together.

Both of our organizations recognize that a Protocol Agreement between us can act as a starting point to further discuss items of mutual interest and benefit to both parties.

Our organizations are committed to the long-term future for the people who we represent.



NEWS RELEASE

April 8, 2011

Wet'suwet'en Feast Ceremony to Celebrate Agreement for Establishment of the "Anuk Nu'aten Bikin Tsi'llh ye" Traditional Decision Program for Children and Families

Morisetown, B.C. - April 8, 2011 marks a significant milestone for the Wet'suwet'en on their path to reclaiming jurisdiction for their children and families as a historic agreement has been reached with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) for the establishment of a traditional decision making program called "Anuk Nu'aten Bikin Tsi'llh ye"(ANABIP), which translates to, "we are talking about it." House and Clan Group members will be empowered through meaningful participation in this new approach to supporting the safety and well being of children and families in a traditional way that is based wholly on Wet'suwet'en culture, customs, governance institutions, ceremonies, traditions and Anuk Nu'aten (laws).

"I am very pleased that after many years of working to create our own Wet'suwet'en Children and Families Agency, that we finally see some significant progress with the province of BC towards that goal," said Chief Dora Wilson, of the Hagwilget. "We want to reclaim jurisdiction for our children and families in our inherent governance way, the way that supported the well being of our people for thousands of years. This is a profound step in that direction, and I wish to honour all who were involved in helping us achieve this accomplishment."

Chief Barry Nikal of Morisetown First Nation expressed, "we have one of the highest numbers of children in care of all First Nations in British Columbia, and that is not acceptable. The provincial system has not worked for our people, and we have been and will continue to be unwavering and resolute in taking back our inherent responsibility for our children and families. This is another step towards that goal, and hopefully signals a new relationship with the Province of BC as they listened to us as evidenced by the three-year agreement we are now signing."

The Wet'suwet'en have been working since 1998 to establish their own Children and Families Agency, following the provincial and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) delegated model which is viewed as an interim but necessary measure on the path to re-instituting an inherent Wet'suwet'en governance model. Chief Hagwilnegh (English name is Ron Mitchell) has been involved from the start and expresses the values and philosophies that have been central to this process and the new ANABIP program, "love, caring, respect and a sense of belonging is instilled in this process, and will serve to ground our children in who they are as Wet'suwet'en. You cannot find that in any legislation or provincial or federal mandate in caring for our children. To us, it's central and will be our relentless priority and focus."

"I am very pleased with this agreement, as it marks a significant breakthrough in our relationship with the province towards our goal of establishing an inherent governance model of jurisdiction for our children and families," said Debbie Pierre of the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. "We must acknowledge and pay our deepest respects to our many Hereditary leaders and Elders who have been involved and given us guidance and direction in this process to establish our agency. Sadly, many of our great leaders did not live to see this day; we have seen the tremendous loss of our esteemed Hereditary leaders, Tsayu Chief Namoks Bill Holland, Laksilyu Chief Wah Tah Gwets Pat Namox, Gitdumden Chief Madeek, Jim Brown and Chief Woos Roy Morris and Gil_seyhu Chief Knedebeas, Sarah Layton and Chief Gooхлаht Lucy Namox, and Laksamshu Chief Smogelgem Leonard George. It is in their memory and their spirit that we dedicate this day and unequivocally pronounce to our people that their dreams and vision for our children and families will be achieved."

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WET'SUWET'EN DECISION MAKING

Submitted by: David deWit, NR Manager

Forming a Committee to Enhance Wet'suwet'en Decision-making

Following up on the, April 2010 All Clans meeting! New developments are underway. Numerous suggestions need to be acted on and the development of a **Wet'suwet'en Decision-making Committee** can be the means to new change.

Suggestions that were brought forward were all meaningful and constructive for the Wet'suwet'en as a whole to exercise our rights and assert Title to our House territories. Reaffirming internal Wet'suwet'en Governance is critical for taking action, and asserting traditional authority. Examples of Governance enhancement came from our membership during the Clan meetings and All Clans meeting.

The following are a list of comments we received: uphold traditional values, learn our laws, bring back traditional names which are vacant, teach our youth of the hereditary system, stand up to industry as clan members, work with other clans to have the strength of all our people to fight for our territories and rights to our lands and resources.

More input is needed, as together we need to create how the Decision-making Committee is formed, what experience/ skills the committee will need to have, and what principle will guide them and how this will be done.

A rough draft document has been started to stimulate some thought around this subject. Nothing is written in stone at this point in time, as we need more input.

Wet'suwet'en Decision-making Committee

Criteria:

Must:

- Be a Wet'suwet'en member
- Be a hereditary name holder

Be active in the Baht'lats system

Should:

- Speak Wet'suwet'en
- Have knowledge of traditional protocols

Have knowledge of traditional laws



ALL CLANS MEETING— APRIL 2010



Thousands years of Wet'suwet'en history

~ On the Wake of Wet'suwet'en Ancestors ~ ~ the Dugout Canoe Journey from Wedzin Bin ~

Submitted by: Francois Depey—GIS Coordinator

Not so long ago, Wet'suwet'en people used to spend winters at Wedzin Bin (Morice Lake). In the early summer they would use dugout canoes and rafts to go down Wedzin Kwah (Morice River) to gather in the village site now known as Moricetown.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en Natural Resource department managed to secure financial support from a Canadian non profit organization (Mountain Equipment Coop) that decided to sponsor 12 initiatives throughout the province to celebrate the 100th anniversary of provincial parks in British Columbia.

We will follow this traditional route starting in Gitdumden Territory at Wedzin Bin. Chief Woos had given us his approval and support for this initiative. Once our project got chosen, he even suggested that we should get a cottonwood canoe prepared for the occasion. The Wet'suwet'en name for dugout canoe is **TS'IY**. The same word is also used for cottonwood tree. It makes sense since in the territory that is the type of wood that has been used to make canoes.

This two days event (August 27-28, 2011) will start with a day of paddling on the lake followed by a BBQ on the beach and the next day a flotilla of canoes will go down the river.

We thought this event could be a way to pay tribute to Roy Morris (Chief WOOS) who was really inspirational to turn Morice Lake and the headwater of Wedzin Kwah (Morice & Bulkley rivers) into protected areas to preserve the spawning grounds of several salmon species. If you are members of the Gitdumden clan and more specifically CAS YEX house, please let us know what you think of that idea. We would like to hear your suggestions. The event is open to all.



One hundred years of Parks

DARE GRADUATES

Submitted by: Bertha Pierre

The Grade 4 & 5 classes from Lake Kathlyn Elementary recently took part in the D.A.R.E. program. On Feb. 2nd, 2011 the class enjoyed their graduation from the program, along with several other classes from St. Joseph and Walnut Park Elementary.

Several students shared their essays about what they learned from the program, including Nicole Northup and Ylana Buhr from Lake Kathlyn.

Each student received a graduation certificate and shook hands with several VIPs including Mayor Cress Farrow, Former Superintendent Beverly Young and Staff Sergeant Sheila White of the RCMP.

The graduation ceremony was followed with a celebration of refreshments and cake. Congrats DARE grads!

Congratulations

D.A.R.E.

Graduates!!





Artist Russell Tiljoe stands by a collection of the works he's made over the years, from painting on canvas to painting on the canvas of a drum.

Expressions of his childhood, culture

He may not consider himself an artist, but his family and others who have seen his works tend to disagree, Russell Tiljoe said, which started the process leading to his very first art show on January 21 & 22, 2011. "From the time I was a kid, I liked drawing in school," Tiljoe said. "Sometimes I'd get carried away and start doodling instead of doing my schoolwork." He was little nervous of the show, which was held in the Houston Mall from Jan. 21 and 22, but excited at the same time as it was the first time he has brought his work out to the community he grew up in.

His family has been in the Houston area for at least 100 years, Tiljoe said, who spent the first six or seven of his years living in Moricetown until his father moved to Houston, where Tiljoe's maternal grandparents and other family members lived. But before that, he was more than familiar with the area, Tiljoe said, who remembers a childhood of heading out to the lakes nearby to trap as well. "There were no roads up there, so we would have to snowshoe all the way," Tiljoe said. "It would take us four days to get up there." After school, he didn't get many opportunities to paint or draw much, he said, so busy was he with work and life, but when he, his wife, and their 10 children moved into a home that had just been renovated, he was given the materials he needed to get a move on turning the images in his head into something more concrete. "They had done some painting and there was a bunch of house paint leftover, and I thought, 'gee, that could make me the right kind of colors that I can use,'" Tiljoe said. "So, I painted a picture."

A far cry from the artists' paints he uses today, he acknowledged, but even then people were telling him how beautiful it was. Unfortunately, that picture, and the rest of his earlier works were destroyed in a house fire, but after that his family has been great in supplying him with an easel, paint, and whatever else he needed to get going again. "I love this [his art], because it shows him, and his past," daughter Marion Shepherd said. "He does some really neat things." Most of his paintings, which focus on outdoor scenery, comes from his early childhood, he said. Before he went to school he and his father would spend the winter on the trap line, and in the summer they'd head to the mountains to hunt caribou and goats. That was around 1953, and it's incredible the sights you'd see, he said, as the sun rose over the camp. In the summer's, they'd never use a tent, sleeping in the underbrush with nothing between them and the sunrise and sunsets. "I loved the alpine and the mountains," Tiljoe said. "You could see the beautiful scenery, and that sort of stuck with me."

His culture played a large role in it too, he said, who was handed the chief name LahDealYea as a six-year-old boy. Currently a wing chief with the Gitdumden clan, the spirituality of their nation really came out in their feast system, where you see how people have lived before the explorers came, Tiljoe said. "Most of my art is scenery as I remember it," Tiljoe said, whose mediums include paint, glass etching, and the canvas of traditional drums.

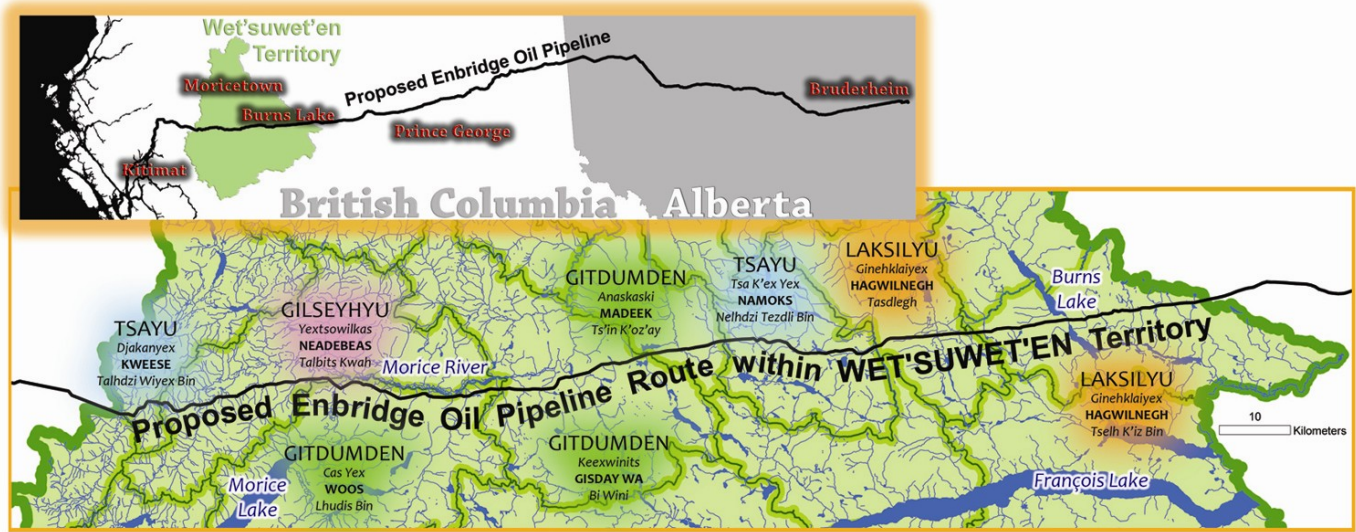
His first art show also commemorates his 75th birthday, Shepherd said, who even after years of her father painting, noted that a lot of people still seemed surprised to hear that he was an artist. With that in mind, she put together this art show that she hopes will show his home community, and everyone who knows him, what he's capable of and the amazing creations he's made.

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 www.houston-today.com Houston Today



Wedzin Kwah (Morice River) on the 2011 BC Endangered Rivers List due to the threat of the Enbridge Oil Pipeline

This year marks the 19th annual "most endangered rivers" release from the Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC). The preparation of this list is the most comprehensive initiative of its kind in Canada. It is an accurate snapshot of the issues that face our rivers and those facing the greatest threat to their ecological health.



This year, ORC sent a strong warning message to the government by placing the Morice River (pipeline proposal) in 6th position in this list after 1. **Kettle River** (water extraction, development), 2. **"Sacred Headwaters" of Skeena, Nass and Stikine** (coalbed methane), 3. **Peace River** (hydro-electric dam proposal), 4. **Fraser River, "Heart of the Fraser"** (urbanization, industrial development, habitat loss), 5. **Kokish River** (IPP proposal).

"The Morice River, which joins the Bulkley near Houston, helps form one of BC's most productive river systems. However, the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline will run along the Morice and its tributaries for close to 60 kilometres with a crossing of the Morice 50 km south west of Houston. The Morice produces 30% of the Chinook in the entire Skeena system and also plays a major role in providing extensive Sockeye and Coho spawning habitat. Along the Morice itself, the proposed pipeline route runs parallel to 32 kilometres of the most important spawning and rearing habitat in the entire watershed (given the braided, complex nature of the Morice river channel, this is equivalent to 150 kilometres of habitat on river systems with typical more defined channels). An oil spill lasting the duration of the one that occurred from the Enbridge pipeline near Kalamazoo, Michigan last year would release approximately 12,000,000 litres of oil into the Morice. Since much of the pipeline along the Morice will run through rugged, remote and hazardous mountain terrain, a major spill is likely to last far longer than the one on the Kalamazoo River and prove far more difficult to respond to. The heavy tar sands bitumen oil will mix with the shoreline log jams and other debris, as well as the river bottom substrate that characterizes the Morice and the Bulkley - and which provides such good fish habitat. There is little hope that a major spill in this river system could be effectively cleaned up – and **the impacts of such an event would be devastating to the fish, the grizzlies and other wildlife that depend on them. The effects would also be catastrophic to the First Nations' cultures along the rivers that are centered on the salmon**, as well as other groups who depend upon and enjoy these amazingly productive rivers." (from: www.orcbc.ca/pro_endangered.htm)

It may be important to remember that in 2008, Wet'suwet'en chiefs recommended to protect the headwater of Wedzin Kwah (Morice and Bulkley rivers) to protect important salmon spawning grounds. Three new Provincial parks were created but it didn't prevent Enbridge to propose the construction of an oil pipeline that would cross the Morice river only a few kilometers downstream from the Morice lake park boundary.

Enbridge is now notorious for its oil spills that spoiled rivers across North America.

Pipeline Clash

Sarah Panofsky was drawn last summer to the Wet'suwet'en's passionate opposition to the Enbridge Northern Gateway project, which would see an average of 525,000 barrels of oil a day transported across the First Nations traditional territory around Smithers in central British Columbia. The proposed twin pipelines will run between the Edmonton area and a marine terminal in Kitimat, B.C.

A master's student of human geography at the University of British Columbia, Panofsky is examining how the concerns of the Wet'suwet'en are being addressed through an environmental assessment process that will determine the fate of the project. Her thesis research has received financial assistance from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.



Sarah Panofsky (Photo: Andrew Querner) at Proposed location for pipeline crossing on the Wedzin kwah (Morice River)



Protesters at Terrace Rally

At hearings last August and September in Kitimat and Prince George, B.C., Panofsky witnessed the Wet'suwet'en chiefs' compelling presentations on the adverse impacts a pipeline will have on the land and wildlife. "There is such a clash of different

world views," she says, adding that the environ-

"The Environmental Assessment is a complex process skewed in favor of industry"

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To share what she has learned, Panofsky is producing a documentary film in collaboration with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. She hopes the film will bring to light the limitations of the environmental assessment in fully appreciating the repercussions of the proposed pipeline on the community.

- Catherine Labelle—Canadian Geographic



Protesters in Prince George

BOARD OF DIRECTOR Motions Carried January & February, 2011

Motion 2011-005: The WHC table the 2010/11 governance initiative work until the completion of the February 26th, 2011 Laksilyu Feast.

Moved by: Hagwilnegh 2nd by Woos

Motion carried. January 25, 2011

Motion 2011-006: Administration will align operations in accordance to the decisions made today.

Moved by: Woos 2nd by: Larry

Motion Carried: January 25, 2011

Motion 2011-007 - The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs agreed to contribute \$5,000.00 per year over three years to the Economic Development Initiative. Therefore, the Chiefs approve the completion of the Funding Agreement and agree in principle the signing of the Agreement by the president and Executive Director of the Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society.

Moved by: T'sek'ot 2nd by: Samooh

Motion carried: January 25, 2011

Motion #: 2011-008 - The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary chiefs approve Debbie Pierre's resignation submission to the BV Economic Development Society Board of Directors and appoint David Belford to the BVEDS.

Moved by: Madeek 2nd by: T'sek'ot

Motion Carried: January 25, 2011

Hagwilnegh abstains.

Motion #: 2011-009 - The Wet'suwet'en chiefs support the exploratory discussions between the Town of Smithers and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en regarding the Chandler Park Property.

Moved by: Larry Tommy 2nd by: Hagwilnegh

Motion Carried: January 25, 2011

Resolution: Give Karen Wonnock permission to work cooperatively with OW to assist with codifying Wet'suwet'en laws.

Moved by: Hagwilnegh 2nd: T'sek'ot

Resolution signed & carried: January 25, 2011

Motion #: 2011-013 - Motion to draft resolutions to submit to March 2-3, 2011 FN Summit.

Moved by: Samooh 2nd by: Madeek

Motion Carried: January 26, 2011

Motion #: 2011-014 - Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs agree to proceed with the finalization of the Wet'suwet'en FN Council Resolution by February 25, 2011.

MOVED BY: Woos 2ND by: T'sek'ot

MOTION CARRIED: January 26, 2011

Motion #:2011-015 - Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs approve the finalization of the declaration between Office of the Wet'suwet'en and Wet'suwet'en First Nation to be completed by February 25, 2011.

Moved by: Samooh 2nd By: T'sek'ot

Motion carried: January 26, 2011

(WHC) Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs

March 29 & 30 chief meeting cancelled due to passing of Chief Woos.

**Next Chief Meetings—April 26 & 27, 2011 in the OW Boardroom
9:00-4:30.**

Murphy Henry Namox

November 3, 1948—April 12, 2011

Suddenly on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 12, 2011 Murphy Namox passed away. Murphy held the hereditary name of Neh'k.

Murphy Henry Namox was the first son born to Chief Wah tah Kwets, Pat Namox and Chief Goohlaht, Lucy Namox. Murphy left his family broken hearted and lonely. He missed his parents dearly, he was truly lost but is now reunited with his loved ones.

Robert Sebastian eloquently said that Murphy's purpose in life was to remind us to be humble, and he was a humbled man.

Murphy will be missed by his friends and family.



NEW EMPLOYEE—HEALTHY BABIES HEALTHY FAMILIES



The Office of the Wet'suwet'en puts out a BIG WELCOME MAT to GLORIA CAMPBELL, our new Family Support Worker who started working for Healthy Babies Healthy Families in March, 2011. Congratulations Gloria and best of luck to you in your new position.