

Stand strong with Wet'suwet'en!

Set up anti-RCMP checkpoints everywhere!



On new year's day 2020, BC Supreme Court Justice Marguerite Church released her ruling approving Coastal Gaslink's application for an injunction to force their gas pipeline through the territories of the Wet'suwet'en nation.

In the weeks since the Church ruling, all five clans of the Wet'suwet'en nation have stood behind the Unist'ot'en Camp, which the Dark House of the Wet'suwet'en nation set up more than 10 years ago in the proposed path of the pipeline. Together, the 5 clans evicted the Coastal Gaslink construction operation from Unist'ot'en territory and unanimously affirmed their united opposition to the Coastal Gaslink pipeline.

This renewed invasion has exposed the political, economic, and moral split that divides settler colonial society. Both sides of this split have mobilized.

Side 1: Coastal Gaslink, Canada, corporations, courts, and the RCMP

Coastal Gaslink has ramped up its media propaganda, claiming that corporate profits are good for Indigenous people *and* for Canadian jobs. BC Premier John Horgan has announced that, despite his declared "commitment to engaging as partners in ways that respect the unique rights, interests and circumstances of Indigenous peoples to determine their own futures," his social democratic government will support the court injunction and invasion of Wet'suwet'en lands.

The RCMP, exposed only weeks ago as mobilizing "lethal overwatch" (a cynical codeword for snipers with the license to kill) during their 2019 raid on the Gidim't'en checkpoint and Unist'ot'en Camp, has again closed the road

leading to Unist'ot'en. The RCMP's exclusion zone blocks access to media, which violates media Charter rights. The police, an occupying military force representing the Canadian colonial nation state, are also using their exclusion zone to arbitrarily determine which members of the Wet'suwet'en nation are able to access their own sovereign, unceded lands.

Side 2: Wet'suwet'en, Indigenous nations, Indigenous law, and an international network of supporters

Against this coagulation of violent, institutional, military, and legal state power, the Wet'suwet'en nation has organized a powerful defence of their territory and territorial sovereignty. Wet'suwet'en clans have established the Gidim't'en checkpoint on the road leading to the Unist'ot'en Camp and other clan members have fallen more than 100 trees across the road, interrupting RCMP and construction crew access.

The Wet'suwet'en nation has also mobilized supporters through political and legal campaigns. Indigenous nations and groups throughout Canada and the United States have pledged their unity with the Wet'suwet'en. And the United Nations and the BC Human Rights Commissioner, as well as the BC Civil Liberties Association and hundreds of community groups have spoken out against Canada's corporate invasion of Wet'suwet'en territory because it violates the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous people, which the BC government recently endorsed.

We stand with Unist'ot'en! Wet'suwet'en strong!

The fight against Coastal Gaslink's pipeline project is a fight for a carbon-free future, where human societies no longer burn the earth for profit. It is a fight for Wet'suwet'en sovereign control over their territories. Indigenous nations, with or without treaties, have not consented to Canada's colonial "rule of law" that steals and destroys their lands to convert them into property, and poisons the waters that nurture life and reciprocal relations.

Indigenous law, including the Wet'suwet'en law against trespass into their territories, supercedes Canada's colonial laws. And on Thursday January 16th, we will answer the RCMP's detention checkpoint on Wet'suwet'en territory with a checkpoint at the RCMP's provincial headquarters.

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