

Wet'suwet'en Access Checkpoint - Gidimt'en

Media Invite

January 6, 2020

Update on Eviction of CGL, by the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary chiefs

Location: Office of The Wet'suwet'en, Gidimt'en - Cas yikh territory, 3873 1st Ave Smithers, BC

Date: January 7th, 2020 - 1 year Anniversary of the siege on Gidimt'en

Time: 0900h



Wet'suwet'en Stand Firm on No Access

On January 4th, 2020, the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs evicted Coastal Gaslink from Wet'suwet'en territories. The assertion of traditional Wet'suwet'en law, is a response to the interlocutory injunction ruling by Justice Church. In the ruling (in favour of CGL), it became clear that Wet'suwet'en's laws, hereditary systems, and livelihoods are not acknowledged or respected by the colonial system.

With the recent implementation of UNDRIP, and the climate catastrophes occurring worldwide, the Wet'suwet'en have had no choice but to ensure the protection of their yintah, and assertion of sovereignty & rights. This has been done by eviction of in industry that has failed to comply with permits, with assistance & blatant oversight by the provincial government. The colonial government has also allowed for continued harassment and persecution through the rcmp, who have targeted our Wet'suwet'en peoples & guests on our territories.

The media gathering will address the eviction, and the possibilities of what comes next - as well as what is required for respectful nation-to-nation engagement.

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