

Attn: Yves Beaulieu
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Consulate General of Canada
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To the Consulate General of Canada,

We are writing on the fifth day of the RCMP invasion of Wet'suwet'en territory, to express our utter outrage and dismay at the horrific colonial violence being imposed against the Wet'suwet'en people and their hereditary leadership.

To see this happening in a country such as Canada, which has professed to be entering into “reconciliation” with Indigenous people, and a province such as British Columbia, which has professed to now be adhering to the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, is atrocious. However, for those of us who are familiar with the colonial history of Canada, this is not surprising at all.

Our concern, most immediately, is for the safety of the land defenders – the Wet'suwet'en people and their supporters who are rightfully living on the lands. We demand that the Consulate use it's channels to express this demand for the RCMP to immediately stand down and leave Wet'suwet'en territories.

Our additional concern is over the illegal injunction and occupation of the Wet'suwet'en territories by both industry and police. There is legal precedent that states that the Wet'suwet'en have title to their lands and thus Canada is in breach of this as well as the traditional law of the hereditary Wet'suwet'en leadership.

We demand that the government of Canada stop brazenly backing the corporations who are illegally invading Wet'suwet'en territories, respect the stated opposition by the five hereditary chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en and respect their jurisdiction, as was affirmed by Canada's highest court.

We ask that you follow through with your stated commitment of sharing this with those in positions of power within the Consulate and beyond.

Sincerely the Undersigned,

1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations

Anti Police-Terror Project

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Debbie Bayer

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