Wet'suwet'en territory, Canada, February 28, 2020 —

Earth Guardians stands in solidarity with the Wet’suwet’en Hereditary Chiefs and the Indigenous peoples on the frontlines defending the ancestral lands of the Wet’suwet’en in British Columbia Canada against construction of the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline.

All eyes and solidarity actions are needed on this issue. Solidarity is essential, even across man-made borders. Indigenous youth in Canada have called for any support that is possible. If you’re Canadian, you need to show up to rallies of solidarity nearest you, deliver messages to your local members of parliament/Ministers, and bring awareness to the situation via social media. Folks in the U.S. and abroad can be most effective by remaining engaged (by following certain accounts like Gidimten Checkpoint, Ta’Kaiya Blaney, Siiam Hamilton, Sophia, Skodenne, Smogelgem, Unis’tot’en Camp), boycotting Canadian goods until the situation has resolved, starting solidarity actions where you are, and donating when possible.

Here is an example of a social media post you can use:

“I stand in solidarity with the Wet’suwet’en Hereditary Chiefs and Indigenous peoples on the frontlines defending the ancestral lands of the Wet’suwet’en against construction of the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline. #ProtectTheYintah #IndigenousYouthforWetsuweten #WetsuwetenStrong”

Hereditary Chiefs had requested an alternative route for the pipeline, but CGL has actively denied their request. The provincial and federal government of Canada are refusing to acknowledge the chiefs’ land title to their territory, which goes against the the 1997 Supreme Court Delgamuukw Case, which ruled that Hereditary Chiefs have jurisdiction and land title to their 22’000 km of land.

Sophia, an Earth Guardian Ottawa/Gatineau crew leader and Indigenous youth is concerned about the lack of accountability that Canada is accepting for the national crisis. She has further noticed that the provincial and federal police are conducting mass arrests across Canada apprehending Hereditary and regular chiefs, medicine peoples, clan mothers, Indigenous youth, two-spirited peoples, women, community members, and allies. Sophia says, “In Canada’s capital, Ottawa, Indigenous youth and allies held a ceremony, and we were met with heavy militarization. Indigenous youth and allies across Canada are putting their safety on the line for our Indigenous peoples right to sovereignty and to veto extractive resource projects on their lands if they choose so.”

This issue is about Indigenous sovereignty and resisting ongoing genocide. This is a historical youth-led movement that deserves our action.

Are you in?