

## Confidential Issues Note - ADVICE TO MINISTER

<b>Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation</b> <b>Updated:</b> Sept. 3, 2015 <b>Minister Responsible:</b> Hon. John Rustad	<b>Unist'ot'en Action Camp</b>
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### RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

#### Direct Action:

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- Regardless, I'm pleased that proponent field work has so far been allowed to proceed, as it is necessary to explore route options for the natural gas pipelines.
- If illegal acts occur, I'm confident that police and Crown will exercise their independent discretion and address each situation with an appropriate and measured response.
- If any response becomes necessary, our expectation is that it will be one that respects the right to peaceful protests and still ensures the protection of people and property.

#### Non-Wet'suwet'en protestors:

- What some people may not be aware of, is that nearly every First Nation on proposed natural gas pipeline routes has benefits agreements with the Province, including four Wet'suwet'en bands.
- It's clear that the Wet'suwet'en leadership has a different position than those at the Unist'ot'en camp.
- These local, elected First Nations leaders who support LNG development are advocating for discussion rather than confrontation and it's important their voices be heard.
- Community members are already seeing the benefits through employment with the natural gas pipeline companies.

### KEY FACTS

- The Unist'ot'en [OON-is-stow-ten] are<sup>s.16</sup> of the Wet'suwet'en peoples, and along with non-Aboriginal supporters, are opposing all pipelines being built through asserted Wet'suwet'en territory.

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- TransCanada is aiming to have fieldwork completed by Sept. 10. They attempted to conduct fieldwork behind the Chisholm Forest Service Road blockade Aug. 27 but were refused access. They reported the incident to police.
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- **Proponent field work is necessary to explore route options for the natural gas pipelines that address concerns about Morice River crossings.**
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### RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- To date, elected leaders of four of the five Wet'suwet'en bands have determined they want their communities to participate in LNG benefits that include job creation, economic growth and environmental stewardship projects.
- Community members are already seeing the benefits through employment with the pipeline companies.

### Blockades:

- All the parties engaged – MARR, industry, police and First Nations – are working hard to find a respectful, peaceful and lawful solution to this very complex situation.
- Proponent field work is necessary to explore route options for the natural gas pipelines that address First Nation concerns about Morice River crossings.  
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- In Canada, citizens have a right to peaceful protest, and this case is no different. It is important that the discussions and negotiations around Aboriginal title rights, economic growth and industry development continue.
- That said, if illegal acts do occur, both police and Crown will exercise their independent discretion and address each situation with an appropriate and measured response.
- If any response does become necessary, my expectation is that it will be one that respects the right to peaceful protests and still ensures the protection of people and property.

### Non-Wet'suwet'en protestors:

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- **We've listened to First Nations and the benefits offered will provide opportunities for their communities, including a commitment of up to \$30 million for LNG environmental stewardship projects with First Nations and an additional \$30 million for Aboriginal skills training.**

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- Chevron and TransCanada project teams have approached the bridge to deliver information about their projects and initiate a dialogue with camp members. The proponents continue to make efforts to engage Wet'suwet'en leadership to find solutions.
- TransCanada will be attempting to conduct fieldwork <sup>s.16</sup> the week of Aug. 24.
- Canfor and BC Timber Sales have been able to undertake activities behind the blockades.
- MARR is working with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW), which has historically represented the Wet'suwet'en hereditary house chiefs' engagements with government, to arrange a meeting with the hereditary and elected Wet'suwet'en Nation chiefs.
- OW Dark House Hereditary Chief Warner William has signaled his interest in finding a peaceful resolution to the protest.
- The Province has offered to work with Wet'suwet'en hereditary and elected chiefs to support the establishment of culture camps in their traditional territory.
- The Unist'ot'en also have a strong social media capacity. Over the last several years they have built connections with environmental organizations s.13; s.16  
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- It is unknown what, if any, effect recent Moricetown Band elections may have on their January 2015 decisions to sign a pipeline benefits agreement with the Province for TransCanada's proposed Coastal GasLink pipeline project, and to join the First Nations Limited Partnership for benefits related to Chevron's proposed Pacific Trail Pipeline for which Moricetown has already received benefits. MARR negotiators have met with new Chief Duane Mitchell and council, and will continue providing information on the PBAs and LNG development in B.C. as needed.

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### Unist'ot'en Action Camp

#### RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- The Province is working hard to ensure First Nation communities can participate in B.C.'s LNG opportunity and benefit from job creation, economic growth and environmental stewardship projects.
- So far, elected leaders of four of the five Wet'suwet'en bands have determined they want their communities to participate in these benefits.
- Community members are already seeing the benefits through employment with the pipeline companies.

#### Blockades:

- These blockades are located on Crown land in Wet'suwet'en territory so we are working with Wet'suwet'en leadership to find a peaceful resolution.
- Negotiation is always the best way to resolve issues and we are making every effort to find a resolution beneficial to all parties.
- Canadians have a right to peaceful protest and most are peaceful and law abiding.
- However, civil disobedience and blockades are not acceptable tactics to change public policy, and if individuals cross the line into confrontation and intimidation, it becomes a matter for police.

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- A Wet'suwet'en Women's Empowerment Camp is planned for later in August (date undetermined).  
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