

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL  
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH  
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General

**ISSUE:**

Direct Action Update for the Natural Resource Public Safety Meeting – Week of November 1, 2021

**SUMMARY:**

- All three areas currently under active monitoring have the potential to escalate rapidly:
  - Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP):
    - The BC Court of Appeal (BCCA)'s order means the injunction is effectively restored, pending a full hearing on November 15, 2021.
    - The RCMP advised that they began enforcement activities in Fairy Creek again on October 18, 2021.
    - On October 30, 2021, total arrests for the operations were 1,157. Of these arrests, 894 were for contempt of court, 221 for obstruction, 21 for mischief, 10 for failing to comply with release conditions, 8 for assaulting a Police Officer, 1 for counselling to resist arrest, 1 for causing a disturbance, and 1 related to the *Immigration Act*.
  - Coastal Gas Link (CGL):
    - Approximately 40 to 50 protestors arrived in the area over the Thanksgiving weekend. s.15  
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  - Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP):
    - The Tiny House Warriors (THW) remain camped out in the roadway where TMP is attempting to construct a worker camp. There have been incidents of violence and property damage, mainly at Blue River.
    - The Simp'cw Council and TMP have requested provincial support in removing the THW encampment. s.13; s.15  
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- The Ministry will continue to work with the RCMP to ensure the strain on provincial policing resources is mitigated as much as possible. The Ministry, in conjunction with RCMP and partner ministries, will ramp up monitoring to ensure efficient and effective information flow during this period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP)/Fairy Creek Injunction Enforcement

- On September 28, 2021, the SCBC denied TJCP's application to extend the injunction. The court expressed concern with the manner in which enforcement was

being carried out. In response to the SCBC decision, TJCP announced an intent to appeal and began to re-apply for a new injunction order.

- The appeal hearings are scheduled for November 15, 2021. On October 8, the BCCA issued a stay of the SCBC decision, temporarily reinstating the injunction until November 15, 2021. The BCCA further noted that TCJP's activities are lawful and authorized by government. The Court expressed concern regarding the breakdown in public safety and the stark difference between peaceful protest and "unlawful and dangerous" activity, further noting that where criminal law has not been effective, it is in the interests of justice to grant this stay to prevent serious prejudice to TJCP.
- During the interim, since September 28, 2021, protestors have reoccupied much of the ground the RCMP had previously cleared. The RCMP have observed protestors bringing in equipment, reinforcements, and other materials.
- On October 18, 2021, the RCMP re-entered the logging tenure area via the Granite Creek Mainline to enforce the SCBC injunction and found that protestors had erected a "Beaver Lodge" on the roadway – described as mud, spiked trees, steel cable, and metal scrap mounded over a car, with protestors secured inside affixed by locking devices. Occupied tripod structures were also secured above ground. Enforcement operations focused on removing these structures between October 19 and 20, 2021, resulting in 16 additional arrests.
- On October 21, 2021, the RCMP noted that one of the protestors in the Fairy Creek Watershed was reported missing, deemed to last be hiking between the Ridge and Heli Camps. The RCMP and Search and Rescue continue searching for this person. TJCP has restricted operations in portions of the work area to allow for the search.
- On October 30, 2021, the RCMP advised that they have successfully cleared the Reid Mainline and Ridge Protest Camp. Air services lifted 11,050 lbs from the Ridge Camp. RCMP focus remains on keeping the road open.

#### LNG/Coastal Gas Link (CGL)

- On September 26, 2021, Gidimt'en protest supporters established a roadblock at KM 63.5 of the Morice River West FSR, which intersects the Martin Spur Road. Heavy machinery was taken from a nearby CGL secure facility and used to dig up the roadway, then left in place to create a roadblock. A large school bus has been maneuvered into the area to block the road.
- CGL work continues at KM 44 focused on planned micro-tunneling under the Morice River. Protestors also have a base of operations at the Lamprey Creek Recreation site located at KM 44 of the Morice River West FSR. According to social media, a small cabin frame was hastily built by Gidimt'en protestors directly on the CGL drill site to prohibit work being done by CGL.
- On October 4, 2021, the RCMP met with Chief Woos to discuss the issue of protestors near KM 63.5. Chief Woos agreed to have the blockade removed so that CGL can proceed with work, and requested that CGL put the pipeline over the

Morice River instead of under it. The Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) has sought a meeting with Chief Woos to provide a presentation on micro-tunneling and why it is preferred. The blockades remain in place.

- Over the Thanksgiving weekend, approximately 40 to 60 protestors entered the area of the Martin Spur blockade. s.15

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- The RCMP reported several events these past weeks, which appear to show an escalation of direct action beyond the Martin Spur Blockade. Specifically:

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RCMP report that these matters are under investigation, with arrests and charges pending.

- On October 27, 2021, the RCMP attended to a second protest blockade at the entry to the Camp 2 CGL Worker Accommodation. This blockade was holding back trucks sent to re-provision the worker camp. RCMP attending located 2 subjects at this blockade, who were arrested for alleged mischief, theft, and possession of stolen property. The remaining protestors at the blockade disbanded, which re-opened the roadway and allowed CGL to provision the worker accommodation. The two accused were later released on conditions. One of the two accused was identified as a Hereditary Wing Chief of the Wetsuwet'en.

- On October 29, 2021, the RCMP met with senior CGL officials to re-iterate the operational policing position in regard to enforcement of the SCBC injunction at the Martin Spur Road Blockade. Specifically that CGL attend the SCBC before Justice Church to determine the Court's direction on police enforcement of the order. The RCMP anticipate that CGL will address the Court in the coming days for direction.

#### Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP)

- The HDD platform and equipment at Colony Farm is operating (welding) to pass pipe under the South Fraser River. Work to tunnel through Burnaby Mountain to pass pipe to the Westridge Terminal is ongoing, and construction of the Blue River Worker Accommodation Camp is well underway. This has led to an escalation in protest activity in the area.
- TMP has made a request to BC for assistance in removing the THW Occupation from Myrtle Lake Road. Continued incidents of harassment, mischief, and intimidation by THW on TMP employees continues. Serious incidents, including assaults and large-scale vandalism, have occurred on at least two occasions in mid-September 2021.
- Simp'cw Council have made a request to BC for assistance in removing the THW Occupation from their territory as trespassers. THW continue to fly aerial drones in this area, chant outside of the work areas, and stream social media in protest of the project work along Myrtle Lake Road.
- On October 8, 2021, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) forwarded an options paper regarding TMP and Simp'cw Council requests for provincial support in the removal of the THW Occupation.

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- TMP requires Telus and BC Hydro services amid the THW Occupation. The RCMP noted that this would require a significant policing presence given the entrenched nature of the protest occupation. Police believe this could escalate the situation.

#### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are many Indigenous governments, Hereditary Chiefs, and other partners with a diverse range of involvement and responses in each of these activities. The RCMP are directly engaged with Indigenous governments and organizations as monitoring and enforcement activities continue.

**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- FLNRORD, MOTI, EMLCI, ENV, MIRR, GCPE, AG, and MCFD – Impacted

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## Fwd: CGL letter

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Sent: November 14, 2021 9:56:19 AM PST  
Attachments: image001.png, Letter to Wet'suwet'en Community Final.pdf

This may have been the catalyst to today's actions.

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**Subject:** FW: CGL letter

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It appears the attached letter sent by CGL on Friday may have been the case of what occurred today.

CGL has been given until 1400 hrs to get their workers out of the area.

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

From: Miles Richardson s.22  
Date: 2021-11-14 9:39 a.m. (GMT-08:00)  
To: "Stubbs, Eric" <Eric.Stubbs@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
Subject: CGL letter  
Hi Eric,

Attached is letter you asked for.

Respectfully,

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Sincerely,



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**PURPOSE:** For **INFORMATION** for Lisa Anderson, A/Deputy Solicitor General

**ISSUE:** Direct Action Update for the DM WG on Forestry – Week of November 16, 2021

**SUMMARY:**

- Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP):
  - Since police enforcement of the Supreme Court of BC (SCBC) order has resumed in the Fairy Creek Watershed, the RCMP have arrested 1,160 individuals to date, 110 of whom were previously arrested with a combined total of 261 times. Of the total arrested, 897 were for breaching the injunction, 221 for obstruction, 21 for mischief, 10 for breaching their release conditions, 8 for assaulting a police officer, 1 for counselling to resist arrest, 1 for causing a disturbance, and 1 *Immigration Act* related offence.
  - TJCP appeared before the BC Court of Appeal (BCCA) on November 15-16, 2021 to appeal the SCBC's decision not to extend its injunction order. The panel reserved its decision. In the meantime, enforcement operations remain focused on keeping the roadways clear, although minimal activity has occurred over this past week in the area due to flooding and heavy rain.
- Coastal Gas Link (CGL):
  - Direct-action regarding LNG Canada's Coastal Gas Link (CGL) Project has escalated since October 2021. Approximately 40 to 60 protestors arrived in the Houston area over the 2021 Thanksgiving Weekend. New blockades established along the Morice Forest Service Road (FSR) on November 14, 2021 are particularly concerning, as these obstructions have effectively cut off safe access, support, and security for over 500 CGL workers.
  - The RCMP have been fully engaged in this matter and are actively mobilizing resources in the area to address the situation. Current weather and road conditions are presenting challenges, but the RCMP advise that they are working as quickly as possible to move resources in by any available means and will make enforcement decisions with the public's safety at the forefront of their decision-making process.
  - On November 15, 2021, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier also issued a statement calling on all those involved to de-escalate the current confrontation and move quickly to eliminate the blockades through peaceful means.
  - On November 18, 2021, the RCMP reported they will begin enforcement operations at the Morice FSR, citing serious concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of CGL workers who continue to be trapped in the area due to protest activity and are nearing the end of their essential supplies.
- Trans Mountain Pipeline:

- The Tiny House Warriors (THW) remain camped out in the roadway where the Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP) is attempting to construct a Worker Accommodation Camp. There have been incidents of violence and property damage, mainly at Blue River, over the last couple of months. However, the RCMP have advised that for the past week, little activity has occurred in the TMP work areas, with work mostly shut down due to flooding and heavy rainfall.
- The Ministry will continue to work with the RCMP to ensure the strain on provincial policing resources is mitigated as much as possible. The Ministry, in conjunction with the RCMP and partner ministries, will enhance monitoring to ensure efficient and effective information flow during this period.

## **BACKGROUND:**

### Teal Jones Cedar Products (TJCP)/Fairy Creek Injunction Enforcement:

- On September 13, 2021, TJCP applied for an extension of its court injunction, set to originally expire on September 26, 2021. On September 28, 2021, the SCBC denied TJCP's application. TJCP announced an intent to appeal and began to re-apply for a new injunction order. On October 8, the BCCA issued a stay of the SCBC decision, temporarily reinstating the injunction until an official appeal hearing could be held on November 15-16, 2021. The panel reserved its decision.
- Until a decision is provided by the BCCA, enforcement operations continue in Fairy Creek in accordance with the BCCA's stay of the SCBC decision and temporary reinstatement of TJCP's original injunction.
- On October 18, 2021, the RCMP re-entered the logging tenure area via the Granite Creek Mainline to enforce the SCBC injunction and have focused their enforcement operations on clearing the roadways and areas within the injunction zone that have been reoccupied by protestors. On October 30, 2021, the RCMP advised that they have successfully cleared the Reid Mainline and Ridge Protest Camp.
- Recently, the RCMP advised that the Granite Creek Mainline is open to the public and police patrols of the area continue 24/7. TJCP has restricted operations in portions of the work area to allow police to re-check areas for a person reported missing by protestors. The missing person is yet to be found.
- The RCMP noted that little protest activity has occurred in the logging tenure over the past week due to work shutdown because of flooding and heavy rain.

### LNG/Coastal Gas Link (CGL):

- Over the 2021 Thanksgiving Weekend, approximately 40 to 60 protestors entered the area of the Martin Spur Blockade. <sup>s.15</sup>

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- The RCMP continue to take a measured approach in relation to these new developments. They have sought negotiations with the involved Indigenous groups and protest leaders to develop a path forward. The RCMP have also increased their engagement with industry, the Province, and the federal RCMP National Headquarters, in addition to other relevant federal ministries.<sup>s.15</sup>

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- The RCMP reported several events during October 2021 that appear to show an escalation of direct action beyond the Martin Spur Blockade,<sup>s.15</sup>

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- The following highlight the latest developments regarding the matter:
  - November 9, 2021 – CGL sent a letter to the Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW), claiming to respect the right to peaceful protest but stating that CGL will not allow protest activities that create significant risks to the safety of members to the community and their workforce. The letter also expresses a desire to foster a renewed and respectful dialogue aimed at healing divisions and working collaboratively through the remainder of the CGL Project.
  - November 13, 2021 – Chief Woos issued an evacuation notice to CGL employees, requiring them to leave the Gidimt'en Territory within eight hours. CGL reported this matter to RCMP out of concern as over 500 workers would be trapped in the area if the road was blocked.
  - November 14, 2021 – Protestors blocked the Morice River West FSR beyond KM 30.
  - November 15, 2021 – CGL has established a checkpoint at KM 13 of the Morice River West FSR. The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier also issued a statement calling on all those involved to de-escalate the current confrontation and move quickly to eliminate the blockades through peaceful means.
- In response to these events, the RCMP have advised that the public safety of the workers who are trapped behind blockades is of the utmost concern to the police. The RCMP are actively mobilizing resources into the area and have established an access control point along the Morice FSR at KM 27. Poor weather and road conditions are presenting challenges but the RCMP are working as quickly as possible to move resources in by any available means.
- As per the terms of the SCBC injunction, the RCMP have the authority to determine when and how enforcement will occur, and plan to do so with the public safety concerns of all involved at the forefront of the police decision-making process.

- On November 18, 2021, the RCMP advised that they will begin to enforce the SCBC injunction at the Morice FSR. The RCMP cited serious concerns regarding a number of individuals from out of province and country who have been engaging in various illegal activities, including falling trees, stealing or vandalizing heavy machinery and equipment, and causing major destruction to the forestry road in effort to prevent police and industry from moving through the blockades.
- The RCMP reiterated that their primary focus is on everyone's safety, particularly the camp workers who are nearing the end of their essential supplies. The RCMP advised that they were hoping a solution could be achieved without the need for enforcement. However, given the current situation, the RCMP have started mobilizing their resources for a rescue mission.
- PSB is engaged in active communication with the RCMP and other partner ministries to effectively monitor the situation and help alleviate any strains on police resources.

#### Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP)

- TMP has made a request to BC for assistance in removing the THW Occupation from Myrtle Lake Road due to continued incidents of harassment, mischief, and intimidation inflicted on TMP employees.
- Due to increased calls for policing, the RCMP have supplemented police operations at Blue River – a s.15 person police patrol is now in place for this area. The RCMP advise that since dedicated police patrols have been established, confrontations have lessened in frequency and severity.

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- TMP requires Telus and BC Hydro services amid the THW Occupation. The RCMP noted that this would require a significant policing presence given the entrenched nature of the protest occupation. Police believe this could escalate the situation. However, the RCMP are yet to receive a call for service from TMP Security.

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- The RCMP have advised that for the past week, little protest activity has occurred in the TMP work areas, with work mostly shut down due to flooding and heavy rainfall.

#### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are many Indigenous governments, Hereditary Chiefs, and other partners with a diverse range of involvement and responses in each of these activities. The RCMP are directly engaged with Indigenous governments and organizations as monitoring and enforcement activities continue.

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## **Statement from Wet'suwet'en First Nation re Gidimten eviction notice (002).pdf**

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Attachments: Statement from Wet'suwet'en First Nation re Gidimten eviction notice (002).pdf  
FYI – apologies if I missed anyone  
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## STATEMENT REGARDING GIDIMT'EN CHECKPOINT BLOCKADE

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## **CGL - Statement from Wet'suwet'en First Nation regarding Gidimten eviction notice**

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Strong statement from Wet'suwet'en, and info from the camps.

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<https://www.coastalgaslink.com/whats-new/news-stories/2021/coastal-gaslink-statement-on-worksites-access/>

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL  
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INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For **INFORMATION** for Mark Sieben,  
Deputy Solicitor General, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

**ISSUE:** Ongoing Direct-Action Updates – Coastal Gas Link – **Update 2**

**Daily Update:**

- On November 18, 2021, the RCMP began enforcement of the SCBC injunction at the Morice FSR in order to provide access for supplies and services to the 500 plus inhabitants of the CGL work camps past KM 63.5.
- By end of day on November 18, 2021, the RCMP had successfully cleared the road to the camp. Supplies and services are now flowing. The RMCP will maintain an active presence in the area to ensure the safety and security of the camp inhabitants. They will determine whatever further actions may be required in the coming days. Highlights of today's enforcement include:
  - 15 individuals arrested and held. s.15  
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  - Although members encountered active resistance, RCMP responded with well trained, well skilled, and appropriate use of force. Initial reports indicate that arrests were carried out by members using limited physical force with no need to escalate tactics. Currently there are no reported injuries.
  - Severe damage to infrastructure and equipment at several points along the Morice FSR including the bridge at KM 44, the road and CGL's missing equipment. RCMP was able to recover some of the missing equipment.
  - The remaining protestors retreated from KM 63.5 to the Martin Spur Road. RCMP report approximately 15-20 individuals, some heavy equipment and a large bonfire in the area.
- The protestors have been very active on social media. Posts on the Gidimt'en Checkpoint Facebook site claim that police used attack dogs and violence to arrest people. Police report this information is incorrect. ERT and PSD are in the area, but only in an over watch capacity. Arrests are being videoed by the RCMP as they occur.
- Protestors have also called for others, including anarchists, to join the blockades. They have also called for blockades of critical infrastructure across Canada. RCMP report the OPP have advised of a sympathetic blockade in Caledonia.

- On November 18, 2021, Chief Woos released a video on YouTube expressing frustration with CGL, government and the RCMP. He indicated that the intention of the blockades was not to trap the CGL workers and that they had been given notice to leave the area. He highlighted that the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs are open for a dialogue with the BC Government and the Government of Canada to work through these issues together and find a path forward.
- The RMCP have communicated to Chief Woos through the government interlocutor that they are open to discussion provided the protestors vacate the Martin Spur Road.
- The Ministry will continue to work with the RCMP to ensure the strain on provincial policing resources is mitigated as much as possible and will ramp up monitoring in conjunction with RCMP and partner ministries to ensure efficient reporting during this period. Daily update calls will continue as required.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- In December 2019, the Supreme Court of BC (SCBC) issued a second injunction order prohibiting actions that would unduly interfere with CGL's work in the area and/or threaten public safety. The order provides that the RCMP have the authority to determine when and how enforcement will occur.
- In early 2020, the RCMP moved to enforce the injunction dismantling a number of barricades and effecting several arrests. This provoked nationwide protests with rail lines and other blockades established across the country.
- These incidents led to the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, the Province and Canada in May 2020. To date, while over \$7M of funding has been provided, there has not been any significant progress at the MOU table s.16  
s.16 . In the fall 2021, the Province appointment an interlocutor, Miles Richardson, to share information amongst the Hereditary Chiefs, the province and industry.
- Starting in September 2021, things began to escalate with blockades being established and s.15  
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- The RCMP continue to seek negotiations with the involved Indigenous groups and protest leaders to develop a path forward. However, attempts to engage with the Mohawk group, who appear to have the support of Chief Woos, have been unsuccessful to date. There are no scheduled meetings at this time.
- The RCMP reported several events during Oct-November 2021, which appear to show an escalation of direct action beyond the Martin Spur Blockade including several incidents of mischief, property damage and harassment which are under investigation.

Latest Developments:

- Since the weekend of November 12, the situation has escalated dramatically:
  - November 9, 2021 – CGL sent a letter to the OW, claiming to respect the right to peaceful protest but stating that CGL will not allow protest activities that create significant risks to the safety of members to the community and their workforce. The letter also expresses a desire to foster a renewed and respectful dialogue.
  - November 13, 2021 – Chief Woos issued an evacuation notice to CGL employees, requiring them to leave the Gidimt'en Territory within eight hours. CGL reported this matter to RCMP out of concern as over 500 workers would be trapped in the area if the road was blocked and supply lines stopped into the Shea FSR Worker Accommodation.
  - November 14, 2021 – Protestors blocked the Morice River West FSR beyond KM 30.
  - November 15, 2021 – CGL established a checkpoint at KM 13 of the Morice River West FSR. The Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier also issued a statement calling on all those involved to de-escalate the current confrontation and move quickly to eliminate the blockades through peaceful means. The RCMP established an Access Control Point (ACP) at 27.5 km to prevent further ingress into the area.
- The RCMP have planned their deployment according to the internationally recognized Gold, Silver, Bronze command structure. The response is led by the Community-Industry Response Group (CIRG) who are highly trained in tactical responses to direct action and other emergency situations.

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- PSB is also engaged in active communication with the RCMP and other partner ministries in order to effectively monitor the situation and help alleviate any strains on police resources.

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are many Indigenous Governments, Hereditary Chiefs, and other partners with a diverse range of involvement and responses in each of these activities. The RCMP are directly engaged with Indigenous Governments and organizations as monitoring and enforcement activities continue.

**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment 1 – Morice Map

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**Attachment 1 – Morice Map**

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## Day 2 Update Note

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### Daily Update:

- On November 18, 2021, the RCMP began enforcement of the SCBC injunction at the Morice FSR in order to provide access for supplies and services to the 500 plus inhabitants of the CGL work camp past KM 63.5.
- By end of day on November 18, 2021, the RCMP had successfully cleared the road to the camp. Supplies and services are now flowing. The RMCP will maintain an active presence in the area to ensure the safety and security of the camp inhabitants. They will determine whatever further actions may be required in the coming days. Highlights of today's enforcement include:
  - 15 individuals arrested and held. <sup>s.15</sup>  
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  - Although members encountered active resistance, RCMP responded with well trained, well skilled, and appropriate use of force. Initial reports indicate that arrests were carried out by members using limited physical force with no need to escalate tactics. Currently there are no reported injuries.
  - Severe damage to infrastructure and equipment at several points along the Morice FSR including the bridge at KM 44, the road and CGL's missing equipment. RCMP was able to recover some of the missing equipment.
  - The remaining protestors retreated from KM 63.5 to the Martin Spur Road. RCMP report approximately 15-20 individuals, some heavy equipment and a large bonfire in the area.
- The protestors have been very active on social media. Posts on the Gidimt'en Checkpoint Facebook site claim that police used attack dogs and violence to arrest people. Police report this information is incorrect. ERT and PSD are in the area, but only in an over watch capacity. Arrests are being videoed by the RCMP as they occur.
- Protestors have also called for others, including anarchists, to join the blockades. They have also called for blockades of critical infrastructure across Canada. RCMP report the OPP have advised of a sympathetic blockade in Caledonia.
- On November 18, 2021, Chief Woos released a video on YouTube expressing frustration with CGL, government and the RCMP. He indicated that the intention of the blockades was not to trap the CGL workers and that they had been given notice to leave the area. He highlighted that the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs are open for a dialogue with the BC Government and the Government of Canada to work through these issues together and find a path forward.
- The RMCP have communicated to Chief Woos through the government interlocutor that they are open to discussion provided the protestors vacate the Martin Spur Road.
- The Ministry will continue to work with the RCMP to ensure the strain on provincial policing resources is mitigated as much as possible and will ramp up monitoring in conjunction with

RCMP and partner ministries to ensure efficient reporting during this period. Daily update calls will continue as required.

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## CGL - RCMP NR being issued shortly

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Donna,

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Thanks

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**Update on rescue and enforcement operation near Houston, BC**

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## **Fwd: FYI - News release about arrests today related to CGL enforcement**

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RCMP NR below from last night, 15 arrested. Others processed from Thurs arrests. Details below.

We will be issuing the below release shortly.

Thanks

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