
TITLE: Support for Nak'azdli First Nation concerns to be consulted and accommodated on Mt. Milligan Mine Project at Shus Nadloh

SUBJECT: Environmental Stewardship

MOVED BY: Grand Chief Ed John, Proxy, Nak'azdli First Nation, British Columbia

SECONDED BY: Chief Marilyn Baptiste, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation, British Columbia

DECISION: Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

- A. Terrane Metals, a subsidiary of Thompson Creek Metals, has received federal and provincial approval to develop a major gold-copper mine at Shus Nadloh (Mt. Milligan) in the Nak'azdli territory.
- B. For the last five years the Nak'azdli First Nation has attempted to be adequately consulted and accommodated but the company and the Crown have failed to fairly respond.
- C. Recently three Nak'azdli members have been arrested for protesting at the mine site and a blanket Court injunction has been provided to the company that restricts any Nak'azdli member from protesting within the project area.
- D. Nak'azdli no longer has the right to use their territory due to the third-party interests of a mining company.
- E. According to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Nak'azdli has the right to free, prior and informed consent. This consent has not been given.
- F. The Nak'azdli First Nation, through their Keyoh holders and with the full support of the Chief and Council, are attempting to engage with the company on a process that includes their view of sustainable development. However, the government and industry have engaged in divide and conquer tactics with First Nations in the area to further this project.
- G. Nak'azdli seeks to avoid a dispute among First Nations.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Collectively express their full support the Nak'azdli First Nation to be consulted and accommodated prior to any further development at the Mt. Milligan mine site.
2. Further support the right of the Nak'azdli First Nation to freely protest their concerns without the fear of further arrest and their efforts to seek a political solution with the involvement of the BC Premier and the Prime Minister.
3. Call upon the provincial and federal governments to make sweeping reforms to the mining free entry system and environmental assessment processes to ensure First Nations title and rights are protected.
4. Direct the AFN Executive committee and National Chief to raise these concerns with the Provincial and Federal governments and Thompson Creek Metals.

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