Who are the Unist’ot’en?

The Unist’ot’en are the original Wet’suwet’en distinct to the lands of the Wet’suwet’en. They are known as the toughest of the Wet’suwet’en, as their territories were not only abundant, but also known to be very treacherous.

The Unist’ot’en have recently defended their land from mining by Lions Gate Metals, and are now focused on protecting their unceded territories from several proposed pipelines from the Tar Sands Gigaproject and shale gas from Hydraulic Fracturing Projects in the Peace River Region.

The Unist’ot’en Camp is a resistance community created to ensure that no pipelines will ever cross Unist’ot’en traditional territory. They act to protect the land and the increasingly unstable climate, to do what is best for future generations.

In November, the Camp made international headlines by intercepting and evicting PTP surveyors. Anyone who wishes to enter into Unist’ot’en territory must pass their FPIC protocol.

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Chevron Links

True Cost of Chevron
http://truecostofchevron.com

Chevron in Ecuador
http://chevrontoxicico.com

Chevron in Nigeria
http://democracynow.org/2003/7/11/transcript_of_drilling_and_killing_documentary

Global Day of Action in solidarity with Unist’ot’en and all frontline communities threatened by Chevron.

Why are we here today?

The Global Picture...
Chevron has an atrocious history of oil spills, gas explosions, toxic dumping, deforestation, water pollution, activist shootings, tax evasion and climate change denial. Everywhere Chevron operates they exploit land and people for shareholder profit, often they use force and intimidation, very rarely do they take responsibility for the consequences. From the US to Nigeria, Australia to Equador, Brazil to Bangladesh, Chevron brings death and destruction. Today groups from around the world unite and take action in solidarity with frontline communities, and clearly state, Chevron your time has come your days are numbered!

The Local Picture...
Recently Chevron has become a 50% partner in Kitimat LNG which includes the proposed Pacific Trail Pipeline (PTP). The KLNG/PTP project proposes to transport fracked gas from Northeastern BC to the West Coast for export to Asian markets via large ocean tankers.

Many communities and first peoples are opposed to pipelines and tankers in B.C. The Unis’tot’en Clan of the Wet’suwet’en have repeatedly stated they will not allow any new pipelines to cross through their unceded traditional territories which lie directly in the path of the proposed PTP pipeline.

We are here to tell Chevron to get the frack out of B.C. and cancel PTP.

What is Fracking?
Fracking is short for Hydraulic Fracturing, a technique used for extracting natural gas from shale rock by drilling well-bores down into the ground and then injecting sand, toxic chemicals, and millions of gallons of water down into the ground at high pressures in order to crack open the rock and draw out the gas.

Fracking is acknowledged by industry to cause earthquakes and contaminates groundwater when the toxins work their way back up toward the surface. A recent study by Cornell University scientists declared fracked gas to be “worse than coal” in terms of contributing to climate change.

A single fracking well can require up to 30 million litres of water over its lifetime.

To expand fracking projects in the Liard, Horn River and Montney Basins in BC, companies are falling all over themselves to propose a pipeline corridor to the West Coast to connect with no less than five LNG plants in development for Kitimat and Prince Rupert.

What’s RBC got to do with it?
In 2008, RBC was found to be the top Canadian financer of the oil and gas industry in Canada, with a total investment of over 50 billion dollars in the fossil fuel industry. Since then nothing has changed.

Investment funds offered by RBC are dominated by stock in major fossil fuel companies. Chevron alone counts for holdings of over a billion dollars just in RBC branded funds. RBC also acted as the “exclusive financial advisor” to EOG and Encana during the deal which saw Chevron assume 50% ownership of Pacific Trail Pipeline and Kitimat LNG.

RBC is also the top institutional investor in Enbridge, who was responsible for the devastating Kalamazoo spill in Michigan in 2010. Enbridge is now proposing to bring Tar Sands oil to Kitimat, BC with the much-maligned Northern Gateway and across Ontario with the proposed Line 9 reversal.

RBC’s continued investments in the Tar Sands, Fracking and Pipelines makes a mockery of their so-called FPIC policy instituted after a protracted campaign led by Tar Sands affected communities.