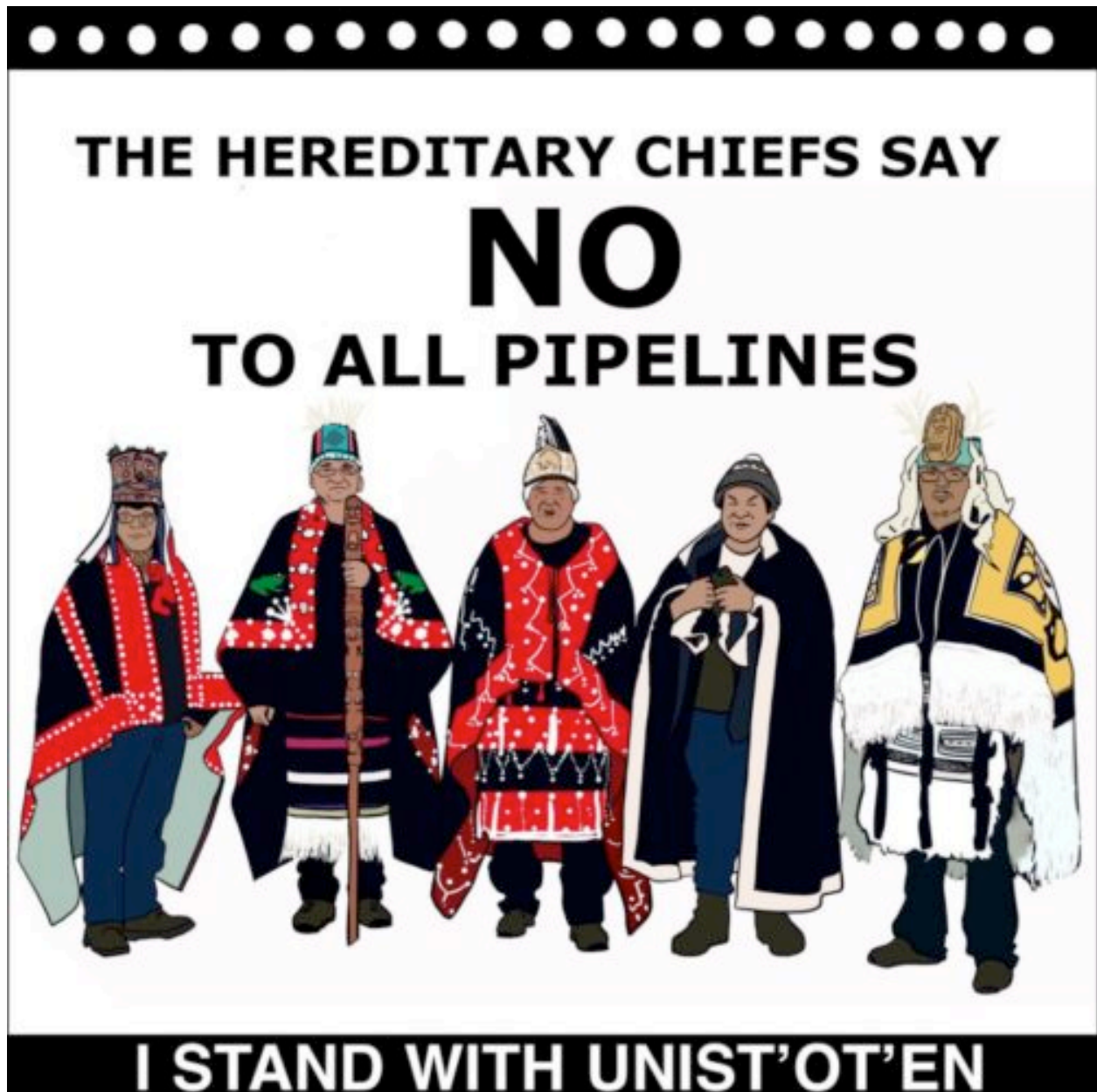




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The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) Executive Committee represents over 18,000 graduate students across the University of Toronto tri-campus. We stand in solidarity with the Land Defenders of the Wet'suwet'en Territory who are resisting attempts by CoastalGasLink (a subsidiary of the newly renamed TC Energy) and the Canadian Federal Government to build a gas-pipeline through their community. We endorse the demonstrations across the country that stand in opposition to the gas-pipeline such as the "Toronto Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en #ShutDownCanada" and "Ottawa International Day of Action in Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en", both of which took place on January 8, 2019. We believe it is vital to continue to engage in acts of solidarity by amplifying the voices of resistance efforts that stand in opposition to the Federal Government's RCMP sanctioned intervention and removal of Indigenous people on the camps of Unist'ot'en and Gidimt'en on Wet'suwet'en Territory.

We will continue to support resistance efforts that are geared toward protecting land, water, and life in the face of settler-colonialism and environmental injustice in Canada. We encourage our Members and the community at large to raise awareness about the unlawful encroachment of treaty land, raise funds, and support the Indigenous people of Wet'suwet'en Territory. Your efforts make a huge difference in continuing the momentum, activating necessary conversations, and supporting people who are still on the ground and on the front line defending their home. This is not over. Actions and events in support of Unist'ot'en and the Wet'suwet'en grassroots movements are still happening, and you can help.

Are you an organizer or simply a concerned person who wants to support? See page 2-3 for links to the Supporter Toolkit, Five Calls to Action, and References.

Sincerely,

The UTGSU Executive Committee

Five Calls to Action

1. Read the Supporter Toolkit and Share with Your Networks

<http://unistoten.camp/supportertoolkit/>

2. Send Emails and Call Federal Ministers

Send emails to the British Columbia Provincial Government:

<https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-pipelines-through-unis-to-ten-lands>

Call Federal Ministers: <https://act.leadnow.ca/call-federal-support-wetsuweten/>

3. Donate to Unist'ot'en Legal Fund

Unist'ot'en Legal Fund: <https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/unistoten-camp-legal-fund>

Gidimt'en Access Point Legal Fund: <https://www.gofundme.com/gitdumt039en-access-point>

4. Stay Connected to Updates

“We Support the Unist'ot'en and the Wet'suwet'en Grassroots Movement” facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SupportWetsuweten/>

Wet'suwet'en Strong: <https://www.facebook.com/wetsuwetenstrong>

Toronto Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en #ShutdownCanada Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2225649537692362/>

International Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/549865792181571/>

List of Actions Happening Internationally:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2225649537692362/>

5. Use Hashtags in Social Media Posts

#wetsuwetenstrong #notrespass #thetimeisnow

References

Gitimt'en Action Protocols

<http://unistoten.camp/action-alert-international-call-to-action-for-gidimten-access-checkpoint/>

- Take action against the provincial government in B.C, federal government of Canada, and Canadian consulate internationally.
- Demand that the provincial and federal government uphold their responsibilities to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and 'Anuc niwh'it'en (Wet'suwet'en law)*.
- The Wet'suwet'en Access Point on Gidumt'en Territory are conducting peaceful actions as sovereign peoples on their territories, and ask that all actions taken in solidarity are conducted peacefully and according to the traditional laws of other Indigenous Nations.

*UNDRIP, Article 10, states that:

Indigenous peoples shall not be forcibly removed from their lands or territories. No relocation shall take place without the free, prior and informed consent of the indigenous peoples concerned and after agreement on just and fair compensation and, where possible, with the option of return.

Supporter Toolkit

<http://unistoten.camp/supportertoolkit/>

Unist'ot'en Camp

<https://unistoten.camp/action-alert-international-call-to-action-for-gidimten-access-checkpoint/?fbclid=IwAR21tf4BWULFJhAQ6GZx0eRfWVoKr4U7kiq5tYd2GMEk7MHDy9ITQrSvLNY>

United Nations on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP)

https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf