



Carrier Sekani Tribal Council

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CSTC Responds to Passing of Jack Layton

Dakelh Territory, Prince George, British Columbia. Canada. – The Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (CSTC) is saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Jack Layton, NDP leader. As with many other First Nations and Canadians, the CSTC saw Mr. Layton in high regard as a spirited and genuine leader. Mr. Layton succumbed to his long battle with cancer this morning at his home in Toronto, Ontario with his family by his side.

Tribal Chief David Luggi commented, “Mr. Layton certainly left his mark in politics, he brought the NDP from the ashes of 13 party seats to an unprecedented 103 seats in parliament today.” Luggi continued, “I think what we should remember about Jack is that he took a stand for the environment and a stand for First Nation’s rights and title in a time when no leader would step up to the plate. He will be missed for sure.”

Vice Tribal Chief Terry Teegee shared a moment when he had a chance meeting with the NDP Leader, “I met Jack Layton for the first time in Copenhagen, Denmark during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 15) in December 2009. He was very supportive of our opposition to the oil sands expansion via the Enbridge pipeline proposal. He’s also been supportive of a tanker ban on the coast.” Teegee remarked, “Mr. Layton was a great advocate and supporter of people without a voice, whether it was the homeless or the environment, he leaves a legacy we can all reflect on for inspiration.”

Tribal Chief Luggi concluded, “Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Layton’s family during their time of bereavement.”

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