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## **CSTC Applauds Federal Decision that Northern Gateway Project is not worth the risk**

*Dalkeh Territory, Prince George.* The Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (CSTC) is pleased that after more than a decade of fighting, the Canadian Government has finally come to its senses and will no longer try to advance the development of Enbridge's Northern Gateway Project.

*"This project was not worth the risk to our lands and waters. Today Prime Minister Trudeau made a good decision to kill the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project. We will continue to protect our lands and people for future generations,"* Tribal Chief Terry Teegee.

Ever since the Enbridge project was proposed over 10 years ago, the CSTC, its member First Nations, the Yinka Dene Alliance, and many other First Nations have been very clear in our opposition. This project was not worth the risk; it had no benefits for our people, the people of British Columbia, or for any Canadian. Enbridge and the Crown failed to move us. Any benefits touted by Enbridge were all grossly dwarfed by the large-scale environmental damage caused by the extraction of oil from Alberta's Oil Sands, and by the looming ecological disaster waiting on our doorsteps, when the pipeline breaks.

Our only concern is that it has taken over 10 years for the Government of Canada to listen to our opposition to this project, and hundreds of millions of dollars have been wasted on a project that would never be supported.

While the CSTC is pleased with the decision to stop the Northern Gateway Project and ban crude oil in the north coast, we are disappointed that Canada continues to rely on the extraction of non-renewable resources with their support of Enbridge Line 3, and the Kinder Morgan TransMountain Expansion. Tribal Chief Terry Teegee stated: *"The CSTC stands in support with any First Nation that seeks to challenge the extraction of non-renewable resources from their territory, or who challenge the development of these projects on their lands without their consent or support"*.

We have reached a tipping point where climate change is affecting all human life. The low carbon economy will need innovation and investment. The CSTC will work with Canada and others to ensure we can reach important milestones for sustainable resource management for our future generations.

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