



Tseycum First Nation

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Tseycum First Nation Descendants to the Douglas Treaty

Tseycum entered into a funding agreement with the Canada Energy Regulator to provide comments outlined in the funding arrangement. Tseycum has completed community dialogue with the Youth, Elders and knowledge holders in the community. The Canada Energy Regulator have provided an opportunity to confirm the infringement of our Treaty rights and provide input on “how do we improve the process to enhance Indigenous involvement in decision making and monitoring.” The Tseycum community is exhausted in expressing our concerns of the daily infringements. The land the sea and waterways are part of the Tseycum peoples beliefs, ceremonies, traditional practices and daily lives.

Although efforts are being to address the Indigenous perspective there are many gaps that remain and we still feel unheard.

“In recent hearings, the Commission has evolved its approach to determining the severity of effects on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopting a sliding scale as a continuum to indicate the degree to which the rights of Indigenous Peoples may be affected by a project. The levels of low, medium, and high provide a relative approximation of the degree of severity. However, the Filing Manuals currently do not describe this approach.”

The projects have failed by not providing an Environmental assessment on shipping, an assessment that would formalize the concerns of Tseycum peoples on the Douglas Treaty Infringements. Tseycum people have constitutional rights reflected in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, which recognizes and affirms Aboriginal (inherent) and treaty rights. We are aware that historical and ongoing colonization of the environment, natural resources, and Indigenous lands have negatively impacted the rights of Indigenous Peoples. These statements are repetitive by Canada as we seek solutions to the decision making process.

The Tseycum Elders, Youth and knowledge holders have expressed the need for assurance that the regulatory bodies are creating operating manuals that will be upheld and work in the best interest of Douglas Treaty descendants. Tseycum requests continued involvement working with Canada Energy Regulatory agency. Capacity is an issue and on going funding is required to continue the important work. This process can not be developed and sit on a bookshelf until a crisis happens.

Tseycum requests CER ensure the incorporation of Indigenous knowledge and engagement in a direct and meaningful way. All Indigenous knowledge is important and must be considered at all times.



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UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Canada's Action Plan

Tseycum continues to work on various alternatives to identify measures needed to ensure federal laws are consistent with the UN Declaration. The Tseycum Action Plan provides a roadmap of actions Canada needs to take in partnership with Tseycum Douglas Treaty Holders to implement the traditional laws to further advance reconciliation in a traditional, meaningful way.

Tseycum request continuous involvement and capacity funds that will be a part of Canada's assurance to our people to uphold our rights.

Sincerely,

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