



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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HESQUIAHT
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HUU-AY-AHT
KA:YU:K'T'H'/CHE:K:TLES7ET'H'
MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT
NUCHATLAHT
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PRESS STATEMENT

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Another failed attempt to reconcile – NTC greatly disappointed by Canada's plan to appeal Huu-ay-aht First Nation's rightful compensation

(Port Alberni, B.C.) The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) is greatly disappointed to learn that shortly after last month's Specific Claims Tribunal's decision to award the Huu-ay-aht First Nation more than \$13.8 million in compensation, Canada has decided to appeal. The Tribunal ruled that Canada failed to consult the Nation on their logging rights between 1948 and 1969.

The NTC agrees with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation that "a judicial review is unfair and prolonging this clear decision in favour of Huu-ay-aht is a waste of taxpayers' money."

The NTC is calling upon Minister Wilson-Raybould, Attorney General of Canada, to do better and follow the direction of the Prime Minister in his mandate letter to "review [the] litigation strategy. This should include early decisions to end appeals or positions that are not consistent with our commitments, the Charter or our values."

The values in which Prime Minister Trudeau has said is the relationship between Canada and its Indigenous peoples. However, we have yet to see the *renewed; nation-to-nation relationship based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation, and partnership* that Prime Minister Trudeau promised.

Canada should be held accountable for failing to uphold its responsibility to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. This is yet another poor move for the federal government in a time of reconciliation.

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