



# Motion Regarding Regarding SSMU's Position on Solidarity with the Unis'tot'en Camp and Wet'suwet'en 2019-01-24

Submitted for: January 24th, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Indigenous Student Alliance and the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner held an event on January 14th, 2019, to stand with the Unis'tot'en Camp while they continue to fight to protect their land and waters on Wet'suwet'en territory in what is now called northern British Columbia,<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the SSMU Constitution states that the SSMU “commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights, social justice and environmental protection”,<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the non-consent of the hereditary leaders of the unceded Wet'suwet'en territory to build the Coastal GasLink Liquefied Natural Gas pipeline and subsequent enforcement of an injunction by the RCMP is a violation of Articles 10, 18, 26, and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples<sup>3</sup> and is an enforcement of settler-colonial law,<sup>4</sup>

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU stand in solidarity with the Unis'tot'en Camp, and in opposition to the Coastal GasLink Liquefied Natural Gas pipeline;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU sign onto the the pledge in support of Unist'ot'en;<sup>5</sup>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the SSMU communicate this position to the Member of Parliament for Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Sœurs, the Minister of Justice of Canada, and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations of Canada.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/212752486335374/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ssmu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Constitution-2017-11-10.pdf?x26516>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://aptnnews.ca/2019/01/06/researchers-say-rcmp-action-against-wetsuweten-would-place-corporate-interests-over-indigenous-rights/>

<sup>5</sup> [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNtxbSahBWHsa9Wy\\_sEelq8BAEp1mOsiiOzkvq9dE7ryMnGA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNtxbSahBWHsa9Wy_sEelq8BAEp1mOsiiOzkvq9dE7ryMnGA/viewform)



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