



MEDIA ADVISORY OF PRESS CONFERENCE: Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Leadership, BCCLA, UBCIC and Legal Coalition file complaint about RCMP Checkpoint and Exclusion Zone

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WHAT: A coalition is calling on the Chairperson of the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP to initiate a policy complaint and public interest investigation regarding the improper and unlawful actions of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("RCMP") in implementing and enforcing a checkpoint and exclusion zone on Morice West Forest Service Road in Wet'suwet'en territory.

They will speak about the policy complaint, which includes eight first-hand accounts, and answer media questions.

WHO: The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, the BC Civil Liberties Association, and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs have filed the policy complaint with the endorsement of West Coast Environmental Law and Pivot Legal Society.

DATE: Thursday January 30, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m. PST

LOCATION: UBCIC Boardroom- 312 Main Street, 4th floor, Vancouver

SPEAKERS:

- **Dini'ze Na'moks (John Ridsdale)**, Tsayu Clan, Wet'suwet'en (via Skype)
- **Grand Chief Stewart Phillip**, President, Union of BC Indian Chiefs
- **Harsha Walia**, Executive Director, BC Civil Liberties Association
- **Irina Ceric**: Faculty member at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, non-practicing Lawyer excluded from the RCMP Exclusion Zone

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