

Gitxsan Country  
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Hereditary Chiefs' relationship with Enbridge  
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Larry Patsey, Earl Muldon, and Roy Wilson participated in the approval of the partnership with Enbridge in April 2009. It is now apparent they have changed their minds as of Monday, December 5, 2011. It would be nice if they explained this change to the 65 hereditary chiefs.

The parties to the agreement were the Gitxsan Hereditary Chiefs and Northern Gateways Pipeline Limited Partnership, dated April 7, 2009. At that meeting the chiefs appointed Elmer Derrick as their signatory to this agreement. Enbridge handed over \$90,000 to the chiefs on the spot.

There is a huge photo in the GTS boardroom that includes the smiling faces of these hereditary chiefs and GTS directors that attended those sessions.

Larry Patsey, Roy Wilson and Walter Wilson also attended that three-day planning meeting as directors of GTS (terms ended a year ago).

As a result of that agreement three watersheds (headed by hereditary chiefs), Suskwa, Gitsegukla and Gitwangak employed many Gitxsan that worked on forestry and environmental matters such as fish habitat, water and wildlife, including mining and Oil & Gas. Technical experts were used for water, fish and wildlife. Many were employed and reports were made.

Enbridge had several community meetings explaining the project and how they include the concerns of the Gitxsan. Many people attended and even touched and examined the pipe that would be used.

Regular reports were made in each watershed to their respective hereditary chiefs, to the regular Gimlitxwit meetings, to the monthly GTS board meetings and to the annual Gitxsan Summits. Watershed Facilitators are George Muldoe, Alice Jefferies, Larry Skulsh, Bill Blackwater, Rod Sampare, Alvin Sampson, Art Mathews, Cliff Sampare and Sheila Joseph.

On December 2, 2011 Enbridge fulfilled an obligation stemming from that April 7, 2009 agreement!