



Luutkudziiwus

Madii Lii Backgrounder

Luutkudziiwus is a Gitxsan House group, one of the plaintiffs in the Delgamuukw rights and title litigation. We continue to use and occupy our traditional Madii Lii and Xsi Gwin Hauums territory lands and waters as we have since time immemorial. Luutkudziiwus' special relationship to and stewardship of land, water, and respective resources on Madii Lii territory provide grounds for and affirm our rights, including title, guaranteed by Section 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982.

Luutkudziiwus is guided by Gwalx Yee'insxw, the most sacred of Gitxsan obligations and responsibilities. Gwalx Yee'insxw is grounded in principles that encompass our ancestral inheritance handed down from generation to generation. This inheritance – the land, rivers, mountains; all the life on the land, in the air, and in the waters; our history and culture; our spiritual areas and sites; the tangible and the intangible – is passed from one generation to the next, never extinguishing or diminishing in value.

Luutkudziiwus is stopping any BC Government development proposed on our territories that attempts to exploit our resources, as well as those directly or indirectly continuing the colonization of our House members and culture. Currently, this means shutting down the 35 km of our territory to the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) LNG pipeline by gating the access roads and building the permanent Madii Lii home place. Other resistance camps will be put in place to push back development if needed, especially those that threaten the well-being of our salmon and their habitat.

Luutkudziiwus plans include community-based cultural revitalization programs for First Nation family and friends, as well as providing opportunities for non FNs to take part in our culture and traditions in order that we may all build a better world. To accomplish this there are ongoing operation costs, funds needed to construct a year-round living community, and the need for a legal defense fund.

Luutkudziiwus values your continued support and contributions and will rely on you to help our efforts to decolonize, sustain social justice, strengthen cultural and social values, protect our environment, and slow down climate change by helping to stop fracking and pipelines.

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Luutkudziwus shuts the gate to proposed LNG development on their territory



Suskwa River and Madii Lii homeplace