



May 2, 2018

Chiefs of Ontario Letter of Support for Treaty Alliance Against Tar Sands Expansion

On May 1, 2018, AFNQL Regional Chief Ghislain Picard spoke to the Ontario Chiefs during a luncheon caucus meeting at the Assembly of First Nations' Special Chiefs Assembly in Gatineau, Quebec. He asked for their support, as well as potentially becoming signatories, to the national Treaty Alliance Against Tar Sands Expansion.

The Alliance is part of an Indigenous Sovereignty resurgence taking place all over Turtle Island where Indigenous Peoples are reasserting themselves as the legitimate governments and caretakers of their territories - in essence the inherent jurisdiction.

The allied signatory Indigenous Nations aim to prevent a pipeline/train/tanker spill from poisoning their water and to stop the Tar Sands from increasing its output and becoming an even bigger obstacle to solving the climate crisis.

The Chiefs of Ontario agree to the immediacy of building a more sustainable future so our children do not have to rely or be exposed to fossil fuels which pollute and destroy the earth, air, and waters.

The Treaty Alliance calls for a ban that includes the following new, converted or expanded pipeline infrastructure projects in Canada and the US, any of which, if allowed to proceed, would lead to a major expansion of the Tar Sands:

- Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain
- TransCanada's Energy East
- TransCanada's Keystone XL
- Enbridge's Northern Gateway
- Enbridge's Line 3

We want to ensure that the Crown embarks upon a path of transparency and process that respects First Nation rights and jurisdiction, as well as meeting international standards as recognized by Canada in UNDRIP.

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Isadore Day – Wiindawtegowinini
CHIEFS OF ONTARIO
Regional Chief