

Secwepemc Nation Elders Council

"The original governing body of the Secwepemc Nation"

ALIB - Pierre's Point, Salmon Arm

May 31, 2018

- 00:00 - Bonnie Leonard**
- As a KIB member, I don't know what's in Kamloops IB / Kinder Morgan Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)
- 03:00 - Richard Lebourdias**
- There's gonna be a SNTC Kinder Morgan Forum
- I don't know what's in Whispering Pines IB / Kinder Morgan Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)
- 07:00 - Arnie Jack**
- Came here to own up to writing that (March 29, 2018) Green Paper
(Version agreed to by Mover Henry Sauls, Seconder George William)
- 11:01 - Richard Lebourdias**
- 12:01 - Arnie Jack**
- UNDRIP makes us forget existing (Domestic) legislation in our favor
- Asking SNEC not to change one word in the March 29, 2018 - "No Kinder Morgan" Resolution
- 02:51 - Julianna Alexander**
- We don't have SNEC Terms of References so we can't pass (November 30, 2017 Oral or March 29, 2018
Written) "No Kinder Morgan" Resolution
- 13:30 - Joe Thomas**
- Ask us (SNEC) to have a Secwepemculecw #NoKM Forum
- 18:15 - Julianna Alexander**
- Feelings
- 20:30 - Ethel & George Secheenim**
- 22:30 - Ox Eugene**
- 24:00 - Joe Thomas**
- 24:30 - Gloria Morgan**
- May of 2004, Marched on Victoria, Gov gave us \$100 million
- 29:01 - Richard Lebourdias**
- We been pounding on that door for a long time

30:40 - Gerald Etienne

Point I want to make today. The absence of the word sovereign. If we had sovereign, to me, that implies and has a definition that we have full control and authority over our lands and people. None of our leaders bring up and talk about sovereignty. Shuswap Sovereignty. I don't know if they are too timid, too scared, forgotten, don't know their history.

That brings the question: If we had sovereignty, what happened to it? How did we lose it? How did it become so dormant in our territory? Many of us though our territory, many of our elders especially, have the knowledge and the wisdom that we had control and authority over our lands and our resources and our people.

I don't get and I don't understand why our leaders don't stand up, and back up and talk about sovereignty.

Needs to be more discussion and understanding and teaching about our sovereign. Our own sovereignty.

We all know the colonial system doesn't work for us. Yet our own (INAC) chiefs go to both the provincial and Canadian government n cry on their shoulder when they have stolen our land and resources. It's been happening for too many years and we are losing more ground all the time.

I remember going to a meeting 2 years ago in Adams Lake IB. 3 bands got together and did study of the forestry resources that left their territory and it amounted of billions of dollars in forestry resources, in royalties.

If that similar study would have been done for the nation territory (Secwepemculecw) can you imagine the amount of revenue that would come to us? That would help all the social problems that we have.

The colonial system has really devastated us and we are dealing with that. Its got so bad for our own grassroots people that we have to fight our own organizations that we created to help us. That's how far down the line we have come. That's where our sovereignty is. At the bottom.

I hear it around this table (SNEC), we argue with ourselves, we fight ourselves, and we should be fighting the government.

I remember a statement made from Grand Chief George Manuel. He made a public statement that the provincial government is our number 1 enemy. He is the only one that has ever said that. And we are still at it.

36:50 - Ox Eugene

- Unity, UBCIC

40:13 - Minnie Kenoras

- It's our land

- Come visit me out on land, I will share food with you

45:50 - Gloria Morgan

- This Green Paper, It should go to our chiefs, SNTC

- What is said on here is fact, We all know it.

46:35 - Ron Jules

- 4 Different Organizations


- We were 100% poverty

- Today we're still the same


- Signing Agreements giving quick band aid fix

- Treaty & Pipelines dividing our nation

52:12 Julianna Alexandra

- Feelings
- We Do Need... Do Need... Do Need...
- As elders we want to direct C/C on important issues
- We cannot make those moves without having ourselves in place
- We need to have it in place like a legal protocol system
- Without it in place we don't have much of a voice
- Good News - Esket 
- We Need...
- We Need...
- We need to get our place in order



53:58 Sally Hunter, Maliseet Nation?

- Unilateral Cancellation of Green Lake June 21, 2018 Solstice Gathering Explanation
- Canim Lake Traditional Territory
- Never Met with (INAC Chief) Helen Henderson or Elders
- Richard and Julianna
- So, Esket 
- We travelled to Alkali
- June 21, 2018 Solstice gathering post-poned for 1 year until June 21, 2019
- So, I hope that is sitting well with people

1:03:22 Patsy (?)

- Julianna, come to our Elder's Meetings

1:04:08 Richard Lebourdias

- Esket
- What they worked on for the last 9 - 10 years
- Eye opener 
- I submitted a concept paper 2 Elders Council about a year ago
-  - Esket blows my ideas out of the water
- Hereditary willing to workshop how they
- Decisions come from the Elders
- Golden Opportunity
- What we have right now is not working, We all know that
- Collective Manner

1:08:45 Pat White NN

- We are prepared to follow you
- Mike McKenzie
- Issac Murdoch

1:13:10 Julianna Alexander

- Copy of Esket Governance Model ←
- Protocols in place in this governance structure we're pushing for
- If we are not in Unity, our voices are not going to be heard
- Acknowledges NN Pat White

1:17:00 Sally Hunter, Maliseet Nation?

- Eskets package ←
 - Invermere
 - Kamloops
 - Revelstoke

1:17:42 Gloria Morgan

Jerry (Etienne), What are some steps we can take to, take Sovereignty from what you say, is at the bottom, how do we start as elders, to bring sovereignty back to the top?

1:18:35 Jerry Etienne

As a starting point, we have to become much more aware, and conscience of the erosion of Sovereignty. All across Indian Territory, the colonial system and its operation has oppressed and discriminated to where we have become good at pointing fingers.

We need a team group, a legal team, a psychologist, socialist and see how that sovereignty has been diminished, eroded and put down. And once knowing that process and that procedure that has happened to our people need to begin to reverse that in its layers.

One of the best things that has started throughout our territory is this whole initiative of wellness and healing. One of the best initiatives. Other one is great is for our people, recovery of our medicines. Activity gets our people learning and out on land. Knowing all these medicinal and sacred places to us. Mapping - Secwepemculecw All our traditional use Map. How we used our territory. That in itself, the display, the discovery of the intense use of our land can be an educational tool.

Meeting notes, one of them is, "Indian reserves are ravaged by colonialism", and our band offices, we have become so accepted of Band Offices, and actually Band Offices are doing the work of the colonial operation.

When you think about the word sovereignty and the progress of the colonial effort and the influence and it's impact in our people, Its the loss of our Authority and Jurisdiction in our Territory. That's what has happened to us