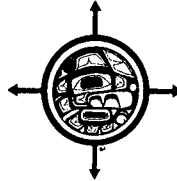


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LYTTON FERRY DISPUTE - INFORMATION PICKET ON TRANSCANADA HIGHWAY

Information Picket: July 10, 12:00 Noon – Lytton, BC - South Junction, Highways 1 and 12

(Vancouver/Coast Salish Territory): Lytton First Nation community members and residents will be conducting an information picket on July 10, 2007 stating their concerns of the Lytton Ferry dispute.

Chief Byron Spinks, Lytton First Nation and Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President, Union of BC Indian Chiefs will be participating in the information picket.

The information picket is the start of an ongoing and escalating situation of the Lytton First Nation. VSA Highway Maintenance strike, which began April 23, 2007, has crippled the ferry service which is the only link between the reserve on the west side of the Fraser River to the town of Lytton and Highway 1.

The ferry service is an essential service for 400 residents who rely on this ferry on a daily basis for health, social and safety reasons. The community was never properly consulted to reflect the appropriate essential service level for the ferry service.

The Lytton First Nation and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs are very concerned about this situation. Without the ferry the alternatives are an access routes are a four-hour detour along a rough logging road or illegally walking across a long, narrow and elevated railway bridge outside the reserve.

The closure of the Lytton Ferry due to the VSA strike is a highly dangerous and unacceptable. The BC Government must immediately intervene and declare the Lytton Ferry Service to be an essential service.

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