



Joint Statement of Haisla Nation and District of Kitimat

November 26, 2025 – Haisla Traditional Territory, British Columbia

Yesterday afternoon, Haisla Nation and District of Kitimat met with Alberta Premier Danielle Smith.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss sustainable energy development in Canada, specifically the role Haisla Nation traditional territory has, and will continue to play in securing prosperity for Indigenous Peoples, British Columbians, and Canadians.

Haisla Nation and the District of Kitimat have been at the forefront of establishing Canada as a sustainable, natural resource superpower, including supporting the development of Canada's first pipeline to tidewater in more than 70 years. Together, our communities have proven with Rio Tinto, LNG Canada, Cedar LNG and Coastal GasLink that we can do big things for Canada.

Haisla Nation and the District of Kitimat are focused on leading sustainable, nation-building developments that are aligned with our shared community values of respect, collaboration, environmental protection and Indigenous leadership. We invite partners to develop new projects with us that respect our values and the role we have played to date in supporting the greater Canadian economy.

Over a decade ago the community of Kitimat voted to oppose the Northern Gateway project. The Haisla Nation, who were firmly against that proposal at that time, still maintain that same position today regarding an oil pipeline and export facility in their territory. This position was articulated clearly to Premier Smith during the meeting.

Haisla Nation and District of Kitimat look forward to working with government at all levels, industry, neighbouring Nations and partners to support economic development and diversification in the Kitimat region, for the benefit of all Canadians, in alignment with federal commitments to Indigenous reconciliation and our values.

Together.
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Elected Chief Maureen Nyce,
Haisla Nation

Mayor Phil Germuth,
District of Kitimat