



# NAK'AZDLI WHUT'EN

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## Press Release Coastal GasLink Decision

We the Nak'azdli Whut'en Chief & Council would like to inform you a decision was made on the evening of May 1 2018.

As you may have heard there was a final deadline we had to meet. The deadline to make a decision was midnight May 1 2018.

This decision was not taken lightly, many factors came into play, and we all really dug down deep to ensure our decision reflected on what was in the best interest of our community.

Things we took into consideration

- First Nation communities where the source of the extraction of the natural gas have all signed on with the Coastal GasLink project Agreement.
- As of May 1 2018 Nak'azdli Whut'en was the only community who hadn't signed with Coastal GasLink (the pipeline would go through regardless if we signed or not)
- With Nak'azdli signing we would have more control to ensure impacts are minimal, there will be many jobs available to our members, partnerships between communities.
- The new pipeline would run parallel with the existing pipeline within our territory and there would be minimal impact during the build of this new pipeline
- No proven way to safely frack
- Coastal GasLink with Shell – has been recycling water for the last 4 years – no fresh water was being used in the last 4 years
- Input from the directly impacted Keyoh holders

We will stand as one and support this decision regardless of how each of us voted.

As of May 1 2018, we the Nak'azdli Whut'en Chief and Council have signed on with the Coastal GasLink.

**Chief** Alexander McKinnon, **Councillors** Fred Sam, N Elsa Berland, Harold Prince, Howard Sam, Wayne Sam, Ramona Joseph

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