



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

AHOUSAHT
DITIDAHT
ʔIIHATIS / ČIINAŦINT
HESQUIAHT
HUPACASATH

HUU-AY-AHT
KA:ʔYU:ʔKʔHʔCHE:K:TLES7ETʔHʔ
MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT
NUCHATLAHT
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Nuu-chah-nulth Statement on Federal Election 2019

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The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council would like to recognize Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's re-election as Prime Minister of Canada in a minority Government and look forward to working with him in such a role.

The Nuu-chah-nulth are happy with a minority government and hope that the Trudeau government will strengthen their positions by working with other parties on things like climate action, implementation of indigenous rights, settling issues of indigenous lands and resources and resolving past grievances in order to work towards and actually achieve reconciliation.

The NTC was very disheartened that the Prime Minister chose not to address indigenous issues in this election campaign. 4 years ago, we were the most important relationship the Federal Government had and now we're barely mentioned. Indeed, Trudeau's only reference to indigenous people in his speech last night was to say that Canadians have asked him to make reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a priority. What a come down from the last election, especially after hearing Jagmeet Singh speak so eloquently about fixing the water issue at Grassy Narrows, ensuring clean drinking water for all First Nations and equality of funding for child welfare, education and quality homes. This is what we needed to hear from the newly re-elected Prime Minister and did not.

NTC calls upon the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government and whatever alliances he forms to work closely with indigenous peoples. Let us not put off the difficult issues and finally resolve them. 10 years to resolve a Nuu-chah-nulth commercial right to fish court case is too long. Ensure climate action is swift, effective and aimed at mitigating the worst effects on indigenous peoples on our waters, land and air.

We encourage Trudeau to work with the NDP, the Greens and independent Jody Wilson-Raybould as a way to bring all minds, ideas and innovations together and to work closely with Indigenous Peoples so our priorities are addressed in a good way. A minority government has a chance of lasting longer if such cooperation and collaboration can be achieved.

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About Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) provides programs and services to over 10,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent 14 First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the north to Point-no-Point in the south. The NTC represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht/Chinehkint, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay- aht, Kyuquot/Checklesah, Mowachaht /Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tseshah, Uchucklesah and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them.

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