



JUNEX

ANOTHER END OF THE WORLD IS POSSIBLE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, a group of native and settler land defenders blocked access to Junex's fracking drill pads Galt 4, 5, and 6 in Gaspésie on Mi'kmaq territory, land of the 7th district in Gespegawagi, 20 km from the town of Gaspé.

After securing funding from the Quebec government, Junex announced their plans to start unconventional horizontal drilling on this site in September.

In the heart of the forest, the land defenders set up a blockade, the "mountain camp", and called for others to join in the struggle.

The river camp was erected in support of the occupation at the base of the access road by the 198.

After several days of police harassment, the SQ succeeded in taking down the blockade at the mountain camp and making one arrest.

The River Camp is determined to continue the struggle against resource extraction and colonial expansion.

Urgent support and solidarity are needed for this ongoing struggle. Speci-

financially support for the river camp and legal funds are immediately necessary. In the coming days material and physical support is needed. The river camp continues to welcome land defenders.

Check these Facebook pages for updates:

Camp de la rivière – Galt-Junex

Stop Alton Gas

A photograph of a person in dark clothing climbing a tree. The person is positioned vertically, using ropes and gear to ascend. The background is filled with dense green foliage.

Junexit: Beyond the Masks and the Media

It's now time for all of us who see ourselves in this struggle to help defend Freddy against the onslaught of the colonial "Canadian" justice system. We refuse any separation between "good" and "bad" water and land protectors. Rather, the fault line is between those who are safeguarding the land, and the partisans of the ravages of the extractivist economy.

www.youcaring.com/freddystoneypoint-905720

THE BLOCKADE OF THE JUNEX Galt oil wells in Gaspésie has had much written about it in recent days. Nevertheless, information on what was happening at the site of the blockade has been hard to come by. The cops, as the blockaders, have not been particularly forthcoming.

I won't elaborate on the how or the why of this action.

I only want to share moments of an incredible power that will never be relayed by the media, but that were quite real.

The view was stunning from Galt 5 (transformed by Junex into a wasteland of gravel and drilling residues), from the top of the mountain surrounded by dense forest, and the daily life among admirable people was gentle. The horn sounded three times per day, announcing meals, everything was discussed, in between some relays for the watch shifts at the barricades.

I won't forget the mischievous joy that seized us at the sight of the front-end loader belonging to Junex being used to block their own road, nor the absur-



Solidarity with Freddy Stoneypoint, Indigenous Land Defender

LEGAL DEFENSE FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED for Freddy Stoneypoint, an Anishinaabe man who was arrested Monday night in a police raid of the anti-fracking blockade on Mi'gmaq territory in so-called "Québec".

People had erected barricades and blockaded the site for over a week before a Sûreté Québec (SQ) tactical unit assaulted the camp. Protectors of the land and water are always confronted by the machinery of the police, in service of the oil companies. Solidarity and support for the defenders will be necessary for the struggle to be able to stop the destruction of territories.

Freddy currently faces charges of breaking and entering, mischief over \$5000, and theft over \$5000, and is being detained at least until a Thursday hearing on his release. He is being held at the New Carlisle provincial prison.

Freddy has consistently demonstrated an inspiring fortitude, determination, and strength of conviction in standing for Indigenous sovereignty and defending the land, air and water on which all people, animal species, and future generations, depend.

dity of seeing masked up people attending to their daily activities, or walking around with a chainsaw or an axe in hand, all while wearing the Junex uniform embellished by a fluorescent yellow construction helmet.

The barricades that improved by the minute, transforming from a few trees lying across the road to a wall of branches, reinforced with earth, scaffolding in the form of a watchtower, blocks of concrete and heavy machinery placed across the road. Everything gave the impression of an impregnable fortress.

What to say of the crazy collective laughter at the cops' total incomprehension faced with our silence (above all when they gave us an injunction in the name of Gab Luneau).

Of course, not everything was perfect. We faced our share of pitfalls, tears, questioning, doubts, and tense moments, but however this story ends, victory is already ours. To have opened a world of possibilities in so short a time, the ball is rolling for what comes next.

The only interview we accepted to give to Radio-Canada and which you surely haven't heard about, went as follows: (sung perfectly falsely)

*[Transl: We'll have trashes full
Of black roses to kill hate
Sunken lands in our veins
And loves that are worth the pain*

*We will have everything we lack
Bonfires of money at the doors of banks
Slaughterhouses for millionaires
Reservoirs of light years*

*And if there isn't a moon
We will make one]*

Junex and all the others, go fuck yourself, you will never find us, and we will not let you go.

Freddy, our thoughts and all of our respect are with you. Strength and courage.

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Call for Supporters from Gary Metallic, Sr., 7th District Chief, Gespegawagi

OUR 7TH DISTRICT OVERSEERS TRIBAL COUNCIL is in full support of the defenders at the Junex Galt protest site near Gaspé.

We have been in direct communication with the defenders in the past days and they attended our District Tribal council meeting last night in Listuguj asking for our support in the protection of our District lands, waters, fauna and wildlife.

We as the District Tribal Council members call for the support of these Defenders and for travel to the Gaspé protest site, we as Mi'gmaq peoples have a duty and obligation to also be the defenders and protectors of our Ancestral District territory. We cannot remain silent and condone any oil drilling within our territory that will poison our lands, waters, fauna and wildlife.

GM : Better relations, I think there is one common factor that will bind us all together. Mother Earth and the resources have to be protected. Because if you look around the globe and what's happening, global warming and so forth, water being contaminated like in North Dakota. If water is contaminated, water provides life to everyone, humans and species. Now if we don't protect that, if we can't do that as human beings, well what's going to happen?

And the other reason why we have to form these alliances and co-exist is our governments, whether federal or provincial, have done a terrible job of managing our lands and resources, as we can see today. The result of it is global warming. We have scientists saying that if this doesn't stop, the use of fossil fuels, mankind will just disappear, almost like the dinosaurs. But nobody is listening. So the alliances between our people have to be formed, to take that authority back from these governments that have abused the authority that was given to them. Either by your system, the voting system, and our people have to now assert that aboriginal title, and take that back as well. And that's where the co-existence will come in.

have here in the district, that's the relationship that has existed since, I believe, 2005. And just her statement alone, saying that if we did oppose what's happening in the oil extraction or gas by Junex or Squatex, they would meet face to face. But they've already been meeting face to face for almost a decade. And I don't think they have any intentions of opposing what's going on, based on her statement.

NQNC : *What should be done right now?*

GM : Right now, as I mentioned earlier, the alliances have to be formed, together with the people who are at the site, and our traditional Tribal District governments. We have the means to provide the legal and constitutional arguments that this land still belongs to us. Quebec had no business or no history giving any licenses to anybody without our consent, so what we do is challenge them on that. And I think bringing up this Aboriginal title land claim, with the constitutional arguments that go with it, that it's still unceded Mi'gmaq lands, we will get their attention for sure.

NQNC : *Why do you think that a lot of environmental groups, mostly settlers, don't understand the relationship between capitalism and the band-councils? Like they don't take this into consideration when they speak about relations with indigenous people. This makes a lot of people mixed up and surprised about band-councils signing agreements with companies, or just supporting, or just not resisting or whatever...*

GM : Well that's a big problem, because even we have that amongst ourselves. Our own people don't understand it. Because of these back room, closed-door negotiations with governments and oil and gas companies, we don't know what's going on. But we as the traditional district government know that the relationship is not legitimate. Because there is a definition of band-councils and the traditional ancestral governing systems. And that means that traditional ancestral systems were here long before the band-councils were created in 1876. And therefore, the band-councils are only a federal entity, actually one entity negotiating itself for land claims and rights. And that's the key. Our defence for court purposes, is that specifically points that out. And to add to that, we also have that clause for co-existence with non-native settlers, that this can be done easily. As I said, we've lived together for over a century.

NQNC : *Outside of this situation, and more largely, what do you think we can build as a relation in more concrete ways, to build better relations between indigenous and non-indigenous people?*

We ask you to join us this Saturday to be at the defenders' support camp [river camp] where they have invited our people to share with them a meal prepared by them to form and cement our alliance with them to defend our lands and resources from being damaged because of the oil drilling by Junex.

Yours,

Gary Metallic Sr., 7th District Chief, Gespegawagi, and the Listuguj Overseers Tribal Council sub chiefs and family members.

A statement of support for the Gaspesie Land Defense

I, MADONNA BERNARD, as a Mi'kmaq, of the Unamaki territory, and as a land / water protector, stand in solidarity with the people of Gaspesie for standing up again Junex to prevent them from drilling for oil on Mi'kmaq territory, land of the 7th district in Gespegawagi.

We will support any defenders of Mother Earth. It is our inherent right and duty to protect Mother Earth as indigenous people. We cannot leave it up to the INAC system and the government to protect the environment, because it is a corrupt system. Their only goal is to make money no matter the cost to the environment and future generations.

So I applaud and stand in solidarity with them for their stance against Junex. We have the same fight against Alton Gas here in Sipekne'katik district in Nova Scotia. Treaty supersedes all other laws in so called 'canada' and it is time for all indigenous nations and allies in Turtle Island to come together and unite against canada the corporation to protect the environment and future generations. The INAC system was set up to get rid of the 'indian problem' and many of our people they are so colonized into believing in the system we are being assimilated into regular society.

The INAC chief here in this district is supportive of Alton Gas and the KMK (the ones so called in charge of our Mi'kmaq rights) have given permission to this company to move forward, but we as grassroots indigenous people did not give our consent for KMK to deal with our inherent rights, and to make backdoor deals and filter money to the INAC chiefs to sign away our rights. Our treaties protect ALL people, water, land, air, and animals to thrive and live together in Peace, Harmony, and in balance with one another.



Interview with Gary Metallic, Sr.: We support the blockade and I think a lot of our people support it too

Gary Metallic : My name is Gary Metallic. I'm the District Chief of the Gespegawagi Overseers Tribal Council.

Frank Sorby : And I'm Frank Sorby, subchief of Gespegawagi Tribal Council.

Ni Québec Ni Canada : *We're here to talk about what's going on around the Junex company, Galt projects and the blockade. What do you think about what's going on?*

GM : What do we think? From what we've heard, we support the blockade, and I think a lot of our people support it. We don't want oil or fracking exploration or extraction being done on our territory because it's going to hurt the environment, water, wildlife and so forth.

FS : Basically, you said it all.

NQNC : *What do you think about all those people who want to be in relation to Mi'gmaq people and fight together against this project that is devastating the land?*

GM : I think we have to form those alliances because, as we spoke about earlier, it's okay to have protests and blockades but that alone will not be enough to stop whatever governments and mining, gas, oil, or fracking are trying to do. They have the courts at their service and it's just a matter of time before they're dismantled. But we have to form the alliance that we talked about, where our legal defence in Aboriginal title claim is combined with what your people are trying to do over there. When we put the two together, it would be, I think, very hard for Quebec to challenge Aboriginal title.

NQNC : *What do you think of this resurgence of settlers who want to make links of solidarity and struggle with indigenous people, in this case with Mi'gmaq people, in different ways and on different fronts?*

GM : Well our position has always been, as the 7th District Tribal Council, we have to co-exist. No one's going anywhere. We've lived together several hundred years. May have not been the most peaceful relationship, but right now the way things are going, governments and corporate raiders are destroying our lands and resources, and environment. And it's time for the people to stop them. And the only way to do it is to form these alliances, whether it's Mi'gmaq, French, Acadian, English, this is the only way that our voices will be heard.

NQNC : *What did you think about the reaction of Manon Jeannotte, the band-council chief of Gespeg?*

GM : It's a typical reaction from a band-council, especially if they are doing business with governments and oil and gas companies. I think that's what we