

# Tenas Project

## Information Requests: Office of the Wet'suwet'en

December 12, 2022

### References

- Office of the Wet'suwet'en (OW) letter to the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) of September 10, 2022: [OW letter to the EAO](#)
- OW comments on Telkwa Coal Limited's (TCL's) Application: [Working Group Issues Tracking Table \(Application Review - Round 1\)](#)

### Rationale

- OW have identified gaps in TCL's assessment of potential Tenas Project effects on Wet'suwet'en interests, as outlined in Part C of TCL's Application.
- OW noted that the Application did not include direct engagement or consultation with the two affected Wet'suwet'en House Groups, namely Cas Yex or Kwen Bea Yex.
- OW have identified gaps in information related to Cas Yex and Kwen Bea Yex House Group cultural data, cumulative effects, and socio-cultural data that is necessary for consideration in the environmental assessment (EA) process and Wet'suwet'en decision making process.
- OW have self-identified as a participating Indigenous nation in the BC EA process.
- In accordance with the May 14, 2020, [Memorandum of Understanding between Canada, BC and Wet'suwet'en](#):
  - the EAO recognizes that Wet'suwet'en rights and title are held by Wet'suwet'en houses under their system of governance.
  - The EAO also recognizes that Wet'suwet'en aboriginal rights and title are held throughout the *Yintah*.
  - The information requested is needed to inform both the BC EA and Wet'suwet'en decision making processes.

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Through direct engagement with Cas Yex and Kwen Bea Yex House Groups and in collaboration with OW, TCL must:

1. Collect cultural data and values specific to Cas Yex and Kwen Bea Yex house territories in the Tenas Project area to collaboratively determine and ground truth the cultural values to be assessed in the review of impacts of the Tenas Project on Wet'suwet'en interests.
2. Collect cumulative effects data specific to Cas Yex and Kwen Bea Yex house territories in the Tenas Project area to collect and ground truth data, and to collaboratively determine the methodology for assessing cumulative effects in the review of impacts of the Tenas Project on Wet'suwet'en interests.
3. Collect socio-cultural data and values specific to Cas Yex and Kwen Bea Yex house territories in the Tenas Project area to collaboratively determine and ground truth the socio-cultural values to be assessed in the review of impacts of the Tenas Project on Wet'suwet'en interests.