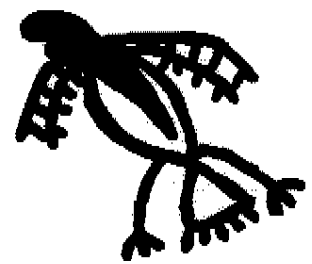


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Dear Inspector MacLeod:

RE: BCAL TRESPASS AND SEIZURE NOTICES

On November 15, 2001 I received a copy of a notice (see attachment) from the British Columbia Assets and Land Corporation (BCAL) informing Mandell, Pinder, my legal counsel that "the Province will be posting seizure notices pursuant to the Land Act at the protest camps within the Controlled Recreation Area at Sun Peaks Resort and McGillivray Lake, on Friday, November 16th, 2001."

This is an unprecedented move by BCAL and I believe they are on very shaky legal ground. The Supreme Court of Canada has made it very clear that Aboriginal title exists on un-ceded Indian Land in British Columbia and our peoples have every right under Canadian law to remain on their Aboriginal title territory. BCAL is trying to enforce a trespassing regulation on people who inhabit their own land. It is important to also bear in mind, that Aboriginal title, according to the Supreme Court of Canada, is "a property right."

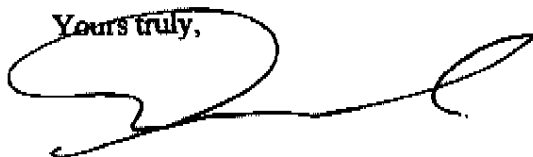
If BCAL thinks they have rights under the Land Act, they should be directed by the RCMP to get a court order and this matter can be heard before a judge. It would be a great injustice, and provoke further tensions, if the police allowed themselves to be used to remove Aboriginal peoples from their land without even a court order to do so. As peace officers, your duty is to protect the legal and constitutional rights of the Aboriginal peoples, as well as those of the developers and their partners in government.

In this instance, the police could play a very useful Constitutional, legal and moral role by directing BCAL to make its claims before a Judge. In doing so, the police would be respecting the laws of Canada as well as human and indigenous rights of my peoples.

Thank you for considering my request, and I will be glad to discuss this matter with you further at your convenience.

I can be reached on my cell phone (250) 314-7179. I will be traveling over the next few days but can return in an emergency if you provide me with immediate notice that my peoples will be forcefully removed from McGillivray Lake or the Skwelkwek'welt Protection Center. Could you please confirm that I will be given specific notice regarding arrests on this particular matter? I believe that if I am aware of this matter I can be very helpful in protecting the safety of your officers and my peoples.

Yours truly,



Chief Arthur Manuel
Neskonlith Indian Band

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Chief Ron Jules, Skeetchestn Indian Band
Chief Mike Retasket, Bonaparte Indian Band
Chief Bonnie Leonard, Kamloops Indian Band
Chief Nathan Matthew, North Thompson Indian Band
Chief Richard LeBourdais, Whispering Pines Indian Band
Chief Mike Christian, Spallumcheen Indian Band
Chief Felix Arnouse, Little Shuswap Indian Band
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Mr. Peter Walters, Acting Regional Manager, BCAL
Ms. Louise Mandell, Mandell Pinder
Mrs. Janice Billy, Skwelkwek'welt Protection Center