

00:32:25 RAVEN: Hello folks! Very grateful that you are here.

00:32:40 RAVEN: Thank you Huych'ka to Candace Campo for opening the event in a good way.

00:36:23 RAVEN: This is the wonderful Susan Smitten, Executive Director of RAVEN .

00:37:33 RAVEN: Apologies: the chat should be enabled now! Please let us know who you are and where you are calling in from ?

00:37:50 Fawn Plessner: Thanks for enabling the chat. Hello from Pender Island, unheeded lands of the WSANEC First Nation.

00:38:12 Ancestral Governance: Yaw Smatmc!

00:38:42 RAVEN: Please also visit <https://airauctioneer.com/raven-fundraising-auction> to bid on great auction items.

00:38:45 Ancestral Governance: Hello from Bella Coola! Nuxalk Nation

00:38:52 Fawn Plessner: *ooops spelling — unceded

00:39:13 RAVEN: Wonderful to have folks from Cowichan, Bella Coola, Pender...

00:39:41 Jaehong (He, Him): I am joining this meeting the unceded territory Musqueam nation.

00:39:57 Beverley Russell: Ama Sa/Good day, joining from traditional and unceded lax'yip of Gitanyow.

00:40:23 Smawn : R Hall , Nuxalk Nation: Richard Hall from Nuxalk nation. I am Hereditary Chief of our Nation and mining if happens here will make us poorer community because extraction of gold will contaminate our life line the river ,ocean ,spawning channels for all species of salmon and ground fish , crabs , prawn and olligan. We need assistance to remove this corporation ...

00:40:28 Lois Little: Hello from Chief Drygeese Territory, Treaty 8 in Denendeh (aka NWT).

00:41:30 RAVEN: It's an honour to have Hereditary Chiefs with us tonight. \ o /

00:41:47 RAVEN: And folks staying up late from across the country: welcome.

00:41:49 Steven Hébert (He/Him) - AFN: Hello Everyone! Steven Hébert, Water Policy Analyst with the AFN. Joining tonight from Ottawa, the unceded , unsunderd territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

00:42:50 RAVEN: Nikki Skuce of <https://reformbcmine.ca>. Sign the petition on their site to stay in the loop.

00:43:31 Elizabeth Lee: Elizabeth Lee, St Anthony, Newfoundland & Labrador Beothuk Territory, former resident of Smithers, BC, Wet suwet en Territory

00:44:13 RAVEN: Goodness, that's a fair distance. Welcome Elizabeth

00:44:25 Wendy Boyd: I'm joining from Winnipeg, Treaty 1, the traditional home of the Anishnaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation

00:44:33 RAVEN: Hi Wendy!

00:45:07 RAVEN: Any questions that occur to you, please add them here in the chat. We will collect them, and pose as many as we can to the panelists following the discussion that will follow Nikki's video comments.

00:46:16 Ancestral Governance: What does RAVEN stand for again?

00:47:10 Elizabeth Lee: The Wet suwet en are my friends and neighbours and always stand in solidarity with them. Absolutely!

00:47:49 RAVEN: This truly is a gathering of people from coast to coast to coast. Wonderful!

00:47:53 Smawn : R Hall , Nuxalk Nation: as angle to stop mining . can you stop the province from remove referrals and permits within territories that are being targeted? What this actioned ?

00:48:34 RAVEN: Jeffrey Nicholls is RAVEN's board president (RAVEN stands for Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs) and a lawyer from Lax Kwa'laams Nation.

00:49:19 leroy mcfarlane crec: thank you Nikki - offering the story behind this presentation .

00:50:24 RAVEN: Sm'ooygit Nees Hiwaas (Matthew Hill) is a hereditary leader from Gitxaala Nation.

00:51:35 leroy mcfarlane crec: is it matthew hill speaking now?

00:51:40 RAVEN: Yes.

00:53:31 leroy mcfarlane crec: articulate person

00:59:12 RAVEN: Banks Island is the place where Yellow Giant has yet to clean up their mess after a tailings pond leak. This is why Gitxaala is fed up with mining occurring in their territory without their consent.

01:00:22 RAVEN: Tara Marsden is from the Lax Ganeda (Frog) Clan of Gitanyow Huwilp of the Gitksan peoples.

01:06:18 Smawn : R Hall , Nuxalk Nation: Ideally , the happening in Wet se wet tun territories can not happen in a system governed by the oppressive Indian act. Undrip must be respected by Federal government. Policies within Indian act to protect our rights must be further developed /supported and then enforced with the blessing of new King /Crown and province..

01:08:20 Smawn : R Hall , Nuxalk Nation: to empower others with tools , can other share their land use planning with other nations?

01:09:50 RAVEN: Jessica Clogg, lawyer and Executive Director of West Coast Environmental Law & RELAW.

01:13:11 RAVEN: Thank you for your questions: please post in the chat and we will answer as many as we can, both tonight and in a post following the event.

01:18:25 leroy mcfarlane crec: great picture of the legal aspects

01:20:10 Fawn Plessner: What (realistic) prospects are there, within these court cases, to contest outmoded assumptions about "property", "ownership," "use" etc., (mining "claims") within Canadian Law, by pressing the courts to recognise and apply core principals of Indigenous legal orders that are centered on the "rights" and needs of (and responsibilities to) non-human beings?

01:21:08 RAVEN: What a great question Fawn.

01:28:09 Stephen Raskin: Is there a way to save this chat?

01:28:24 RAVEN: Yes: we receive a transcript and can share it with you Stephen if you like.

01:32:10 leroy mcfarlane crec: "me" - is LeRoy.. yes pls share the transcript..

01:33:50 Stephen Raskin: Yes, please send a transcript, thank you.

01:33:59 RAVEN: OK will do

01:49:18 Smawn : R Hall , Nuxalk Nation: once a mining company open the doors to breach UNDRIP they should not be compensated :Risk management can be a tool for closure , can it ?

01:49:39 RAVEN: Rachel Ariss - Keeping the Land: Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Reconciliation and Canadian Law.

01:49:45 RAVEN: That's the book they were just discussing.

01:50:01 RAVEN: Don't worry if you can't hear the questions: panelists will repeat them!

01:51:51 Elizabeth Lee: You are treated as one big blob and we don't have time to listen to you speaking about who you are!

01:52:40 Elizabeth Lee: Imagine killing their industry instead of killing indigenous land, fish, forests, rivers, ocean. no problem

01:53:09 Elizabeth Lee: Their minds are so corrupts they are black

01:54:00 RAVEN: We are up against some pretty sick forces. But look and listen to these amazing people: we are STRONG and we can win this.

01:54:21 Elizabeth Lee: I heard the same garbage at a Site C court case and couldn't believe the nerve the Crown lawyers were saying, as if we were back in the 1960s, is still alive in well in BC - it is so racists and arrogant makes me sick

01:54:31 RAVEN: On that note: if you can, please donate to support Gitxaala's case so they don't have to go it alone: donate at <https://raventrust.com/campaigns/gitxaala>

01:54:56 Elizabeth Lee: The fact you guys can all laugh is extraordinary !

01:58:35 Elizabeth Lee: This is male based colonialism method and won't change until this dies out

01:59:08 leroy mcfarlane crec: when a man's lost his laugh - he's lost everything.. Ken Kesey (one flew over the cuckoo's nest)

01:59:43 Smawn : R Hall , Nuxalk Nation: 

02:00:20 Elizabeth Lee: Junior companies set up the future mining and then set up the EIAs and then sell the base structure and then the big money is there and the land is lost

02:02:46 RAVEN: We were encouraged today in court by Tellurium, a mining company who are actually arguing in support of Gitxaala, stating in their intervention application that the current mineral claims system in BC is "a race to the bottom".

02:03:26 Fawn Plessner: The chair edited out the most important element of my question — that Indigenous Legal orders BEGIN with and are entered on relations to non-human beings — Humans have responsibilities first and foremost to other beings.

02:03:41 Fawn Plessner: *centered not entered

02:07:07 Fawn Plessner: So, my question was really asking about what realistic prospects there are for pressing the courts to adopt Indigenous legal principles

02:07:53 RAVEN: Don't worry, I'll take these questions that have not been answered or have been incompletely addressed back to panelists and we'll do our best to create a blog post that deals with these important topics you've raised.

02:08:09 Jaehong (He, Him): thanks.

02:08:20 RAVEN: We are just so impressed and honoured to be learning from and bearing witness to the great leadership of these Indigenous peoples and their allies.

02:08:27 Ken Hopkins: Thank you, great job everyone!
02:08:32 Fawn Plessner: Thanks!
02:09:02 RAVEN: If you are on our mailing list, you'll be sent a recording of this event plus links to the transcript. Blog post will take a bit, as we are back in court for another marathon day tomorrow.
02:09:18 RAVEN: Join RAVEN's mailing list at <https://raventrust.com/stay-connected>
02:09:21 Fawn Plessner: Good luck in court! Rooting for you!
02:09:47 leroy mcfarlane crec: tremendous opportunity .. namaste
02:09:53 Jaehong (He, Him): My best wishes...
02:10:04 RAVEN: Top bids on the silent auction are \$2500... if you want to bid the link is <https://airauctioneer.com/raven-fundraising-option>
02:10:40 RAVEN: And... very grateful to our monthly donors and supporters here. We know not everyone is able to, but if you can please donate at <https://raventrust.com/campaigns/gitxaala>