

## MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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## PRESS RELEASE

## TMC STATEMENT RE: RCMP ACTIONS

(Tyendinaga — February 11, 2020) The Tyendinaga Mohawk Council expresses extreme disappointment with the recent events that have transpired regarding the Wet'suwet'en people and the RCMP. We are both saddened and frustrated in the "Era of Truth and Reconciliation" and nearly thirty years after the Oka Crisis, the Ipperwash Inquiry and all of the supposed lessons learned, that military-style interventions are still deemed acceptable approaches when it comes to complex First Nations matters.

To that, we call on both Federal and Provincial Governments to demand the RCMP immediately reconsider how it addresses peaceful protests and demonstrations, and allow the opportunity for sound discussion with a common sense approach to achieve peaceful outcomes.

While the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council did not prompt any demonstration currently taking place to occur, we take this moment to encourage all Onkwehón:we to use their voices and good minds to bring awareness to matters affecting Indigenous people across all Nations.

We wish the Wet'suwet'en people strength in these difficult times and hope all sides involved in this dispute find a peaceful resolution to the issues they are dealing with.

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