



TAKU RIVER TLINGIT
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Statement from the Spokesperson of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation and CEO of Canagold Resources on the BC Election:

Catalin Kilofliski, CEO of Canagold Resources and Charmaine Thom, Spokesperson of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation, stand together in support for David Eby and local NDP candidates like Nathan Cullen in Bulkley Valley-Stikine.

Recognizing that First Nations in BC are the architects of certainty for economic development and job creation, Spokesperson Thom was very clear "We had hoped to move on from historical disputes over our rights and title and quickly advance towards ensuring both how our lands are protected and how industrial activities can proceed with greater assurance. David Eby's commitment to UNDRIP and respectful negotiations with First Nations is making great strides in achieving this, and they have our support to continue this important work."

"David Eby's government acknowledges First Nations' rights and the importance of business certainty, helping projects like ours move forward without years of court battles. In our business, we need predictability when planning projects. David Eby and his team understand this," said Catalin Kilofliski, CEO of Canagold Resources.

"David Eby and the NDP deserve our support to continue implementing legislation that recognizes the significance of our lands, our Aboriginal rights and title, and that will help achieve economic certainty and job growth in our communities," said Charmaine Thom, Spokesperson for the Taku River Tlingit First Nation.

Canagold Resources is developing the New Polaris Project in northwest BC, which will create over 200 well-paying jobs. This project respects the Taku River Tlingit First Nation's wishes to protect areas that are sacred to them and preserve the biodiversity of those regions.

The Taku River Tlingit First Nation's traditional territories cover over 1.8 million hectares in northwestern BC, including the Taku watershed.

Charmaine Thom, spokesperson for the Taku River Tlingit First Nation, emphasized the importance of their relationship with the land, saying, "The Taku River Tlingit have a sacred relationship with our territory, reflected in the concept of Lingít Kusteeyí, which encompasses caring for all life. We are committed to forever caring for the fish, wildlife, waters, and all other life and spirits within Taku River Tlingit Territory." She also highlighted the critical role of ensuring that development projects are carried out with respect for their cultural values and environmental stewardship. "David Eby understands this and deserves a chance to continue this good work."

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