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February 15, 2024

North Arm Transportation
Attn: Matt Stradiotti, President
2010 Harrison Avenue
Masset, Haida Gwaii
VOT 1M0

Re: Fuel Storage Facility on the Omega Packing Site

Dear North Arm Transportation,

Swilawiid is a community-centered and culturally guided organization that cares deeply about the well-being of Haida Gwaii. We actively work to contribute to healthy communities, lands, air and waters. We are constantly inspired by the people of Haida Gwaii and hope to inspire others in our work. As Haida citizens and people of Haida Gwaii, we are proud stewards of the land and sea and we're committed to working with our friends and neighbours to increase our sovereignty and well-being amid the changing climate. This commitment includes stewarding the marine environment from potential contamination and increasing the renewable energy available to Island citizens.

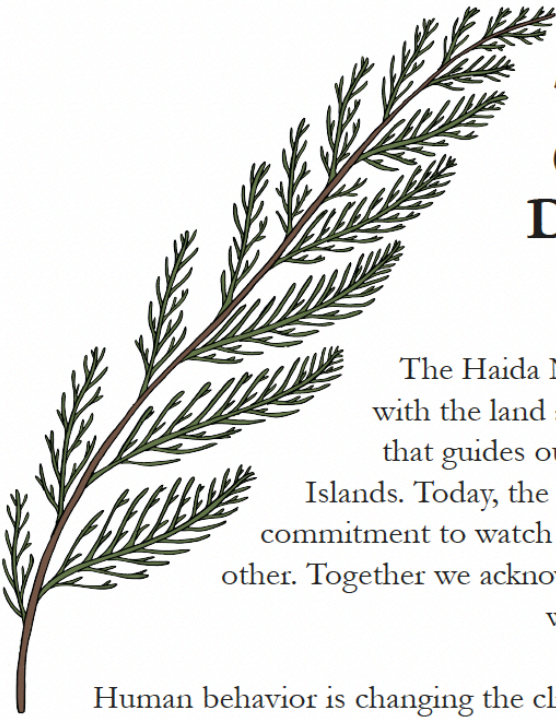
In 2018, the Council of the Haida Nation, Hereditary Leaders, Village Councils, Municipalities, and Regional Districts, with endorsement from Island citizens, signed the Renewable Energy Declaration for Haida Gwaii. This Declaration identifies the need to: reduce electrical consumption and invest in clean energy solutions for our Island communities and set a goal of complete energy independence.

Investing in fossil fuel infrastructure fundamentally opposes this goal that Haida leaders, people of Haida Gwaii, and all local governments have committed to achieving.

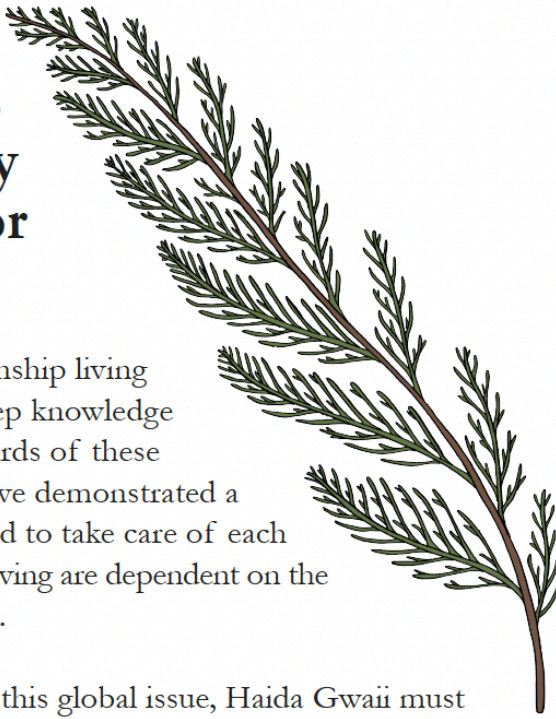
The proposed fuel storage facility in downtown Masset undermines the commitment by Island communities to move away from fossil fuels. North Arm has shown itself to be a friend to our Islands' communities offering important services we have depended on. However times have changed and we, as an Island community, as demonstrated through this Declaration, have committed to move in a different direction. We hope that you would respect the wishes of the people and move with us towards a more sustainable and renewable future for all of Haida Gwaii.

Haawa | Haw'aa *Thank you,*
Swilawiid Sustainability Society

CC: Council of the Haida Nation, Old Massett Village Council, Village of Masset, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Haida Gwaii Management Council



The People's Clean Energy Declaration for Haida Gwaii



The Haida Nation has a long relationship living with the land and sea, and we have deep knowledge that guides our responsibility as stewards of these Islands. Today, the Islands' communities have demonstrated a commitment to watch over the land and sea and to take care of each other. Together we acknowledge that our ways of living are dependent on the well-being of Haida Gwaii.

Human behavior is changing the climate. To take action on this global issue, Haida Gwaii must turn away from diesel generated energy and invest in clean sources of power. With our geography, resources, and new technology, we are in a unique position to chart a path that will take us to the forefront of ending the fossil fuel era.

Local, clean power systems will ensure our energy security while maintaining an environment that has nurtured the peoples of these Islands for millennia. Being on the frontline of this global transition is important to enhance our role as strong environmental stewards. The steps we take today demonstrate our responsibility and commitment to address climate change globally by taking action locally.

We, the undersigned, commit to transform our Islands' electrical systems to clean and renewable energy. We will take action individually in our homes and collectively in our communities to reduce our electrical consumption, ensure healthy and energy efficient buildings, and invest in small-scale sustainable energy solutions.

Working together, the Council of the Haida Nation, Hereditary Leaders, Village Councils, Municipalities, Regional Districts, and Island citizens declare that we will work together to become energy sovereign by 2023.

