



**Reeve, Rick Phillips**

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#### **Township calls for Calm and Negotiations – Rail Disruptions – Pipeline Resolution**

In a statement released today, Tyendinaga Township Reeve, Rick Phillips, called on the federal, provincial and indigenous leaders to quickly commence discussions to resolve the Coastal Gas Link pipeline dispute.

Quotes:

“The lack of a resolution of the pipeline situation is playing out on the ground in both my municipality, the Township of Tyendinaga and our neighbour’s territory the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. Both of our communities are doing the best we can to respond to the events along the rail corridor, including responding to fire calls,” said Phillips.

“We have had a long, productive and peaceful relationship with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and it remains strong today. Chief Maracle and I have been in regular contact since this situation first began. Both of us want this matter resolved peacefully and as quickly as possible,” stated Phillips.

“The safety of all parties involved, including our staff is our number one priority.” added Phillips. “On behalf of the Township of Tyendinaga, I am calling on the federal government, the government of British Columbia and the leaders of the Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs to find their way to the negotiation table as quickly as possible. They must deal with the Coastal Gas Link pipeline issue as their number one priority.” said Phillips.

“Finally, I will be tabling a formal resolution with our Council on Monday March 2, 2020 for their consideration. It will call for a solution to the pipeline situation and urge municipalities across the Country to ask their federal Members of Parliament to support the negotiations and encourage the parties to find a way forward that will help bring this matter to a peaceful and successful conclusion for all”, added Phillips.