

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

"Monday" Has Come and Gone, and STILL No Answers from Husky Oil.

"Our Actions will Speak Louder than our Words" Husky Energy Representative Todd Belot

(James Smith Cree Nations Lands: August 30, 2016) The James Smith Cree Nation was told by Husky Energy Inc. Representative Todd Belot, at a meeting held in the community on Thursday, August 25th, 2016 that "Our actions will speak louder than our words" and that Husky Energy is "Sorry". He also advised that he was not able to provide answers to the leadership and elders and community members who attended this meeting and who had questions with respect to the disaster that was on-going and unresolved on the North Saskatchewan River that flows through the James Smith Cree Nation. The Sovereign Nation was told to "Wait until Monday" for those answers.

Well, "Monday" has come and gone. There has been no answers provided with respect to any of the questions that the James Smith Cree Nation Leadership and Membership had posed at this meeting. Perhaps the Leadership should have asked "Which Monday?" that Husky Energy Inc. intended to provide these answers on the questions that were asked!

The only communication received by Husky Oil was an email that was submitted by company representative Dave Lawrence, Senior Manager, Aboriginal and Community Relations, who said "Husky respects James Smith Cree Nation as an important stakeholder in this matter and commits to further meetings and open communication." he writes in an email. "I understand at the meeting that Todd Belot attended, there was a request for a ceremony. Husky agrees conceptually to the ceremony provided a scope can be provided including all costs associated for the ceremony." he further added. This letter that was submitted by Mr. Lawrence was dated to July 29, 2016.

Is this is how Husky Oil treats its "important stakeholders"? And for the record, there was no request made for any type of ceremony. Our ceremony was already held and conducted by elders from the community, as well as concerned membership. We do not wait until Monday to conduct our ceremonies, and neither do we wait for approval from anyone to conduct our traditional ceremonies! Shame on you, Husky Oil!

The James Smith Cree Nation awaits answers from Husky Oil.