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**Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour Stands in Solidarity
with Beatrice Hunter**

St. John's - The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL), is joining other civil society organizations in expressing our solidarity and support for Beatrice Hunter, an Inuk grandmother jailed for peacefully protesting at Muskrat Falls.

Rather than addressing the legitimate and serious concerns voiced by Land Protectors, Nalcor has chosen to bar peaceful protest at the Muskrat Falls site, in an attempt to silence the very people who will be deeply harmed by the project. The incarceration of Beatrice Hunter is yet another example of the oppression and injustice facing Indigenous people in this province and across the country.

Beatrice Hunter was incarcerated for standing up for what she believes in, and for refusing to be silenced in the face of threats to her land and culture. On top of this, she was separated from her family and support network when she was transferred from Labrador, to the men's prison in St. John's.

As colonial violence and injustice is perpetrated against Beatrice Hunter and the Land Protectors, those who sit idly by and refuse to speak up and speak out, will find themselves on the wrong side of history.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour stands in solidarity with Beatrice and the Land Protectors. We know that social progress is achieved through collective action. Throughout history, we have seen key victories won by grassroots movements through peaceful protest. It is our moral imperative, as a movement that fights for a more just and equitable society, to support the Land Protectors and all those who raise their voices to fight for what is just.

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